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SPLIT IN FOUR POWER CONFERENCE

NO AGREEMENT

ITALY CLAIMS THAT BULGARIA SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN STATES.

GERMAN ATTITUDE

Rugby, Yesterday.

The following communique was issued after to-day's sitting of the Four-Power Conference on the Danubian situation. The Committee appointed by the Four-Power Conference yesterday sat both this morning and this afternoon at the Foreign Office, and examined in detail the main proposals put forward at the Conference. A report of the proceedings will be made to the Conference at its meeting to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Equally Divided.

London, Yesterday.

Committee heads at the Conference were equally divided, two Powers being prepared to arrive at an agreement immediately, and the other two, while willing to advance matters as quickly as possible, were unable to give definite replies on some of the points raised. It is believed that a unanimous agreement is still possible, but information is required which will take more than a few hours to collect.

Adjournment.

It is understood that during to-day's long discussions delegates found some problems arising which some of the Governments represented required to consider further before committing themselves to any definite attitude. Consequently the Conference will to-morrow adjourn arranging to resume at a later date, possibly at Geneva or, if more convenient, some other continental centre. The adjournment is not likely to be of a long duration, because all four Powers are agreed at least upon the urgency of the Danubian problem.

Meanwhile the Governments will be able to study questions at issue in relation to their own individual interests, and in the interval further information and data not at the disposal of the present Conference will be collected.

Main Issue Causes Trouble.

Agreement was not obtainable to-day because delegates found themselves unable to give a definite reply on certain essential points, the main issue being whether the Governments represented would be willing to waive their rights under the most favoured nation clauses in order to permit the Danubian States a little more freedom to make customs and fiscal arrangements. The British Government takes the view that rigid insistence on most favoured nation rights by the Great Powers must necessarily impede any measures which the Danubian States can adopt to restore the flow of normal trade.

Outside Help Insufficient.

It is also understood that the Committee has agreed in principle that the Danubian States must be placed on a self-sufficing basis, and that the help given must be such as to enable the States to develop without further the outside assistance.

There was complete accord that mere outside help was insufficient to prevent the States from collapsing and that the States themselves must reach an agreement in regard to their future welfare.

Economic Interests Barrier.

Different economic interests of different States concerned has proved one of the obstacles which the conference so far has failed to overcome. British and French proposals have been taken as the basis of discussion during the Conference, and various alternative suggestions have been put forward by German and Italian delegates.

Italo-German Contention.

London, Later.

It appears that both Italy and Germany contended that the Conference would be valueless unless the Danubian States were represented, and it was claimed by Italy that Bulgaria should have been included in the Danubian States.

This was also the opinion of many other countries interested in the trade of the Danubian countries, but whose interests were so complex that no definite proposal would suit all of them.

The difficulties encountered are not considered insuperable and British circles are still hopeful that the agreed plan will before long be evolved.—British Wireless Service & Reuter.

NEW UNITED STATES DISARMAMENT PLAN.

Number of Changes to Be Proposed.

HARMONISING PROGRAMME.

Washington, Yesterday.

A number of changes in the original nine-point disarmament plan of the United States is contemplated, according to Mr. Stimson, who is sailing to-morrow for Europe on his way to Geneva.

He said that the prospective alterations had been discussed. They may harmonise the American plan with the programmes of other Powers. He denied the reports, published here, that he intended to take up the position that the United States was unable to reduce armaments, while Japan was still in Manchuria.—Reuter's American Service.

PEACE CONFERENCE SAVED FROM COLLAPSE.

Sir Miles Lampson's Last Minute Suggestion

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Sino-Japanese Conference was saved from a collapse yesterday afternoon by the last minute efforts of the British Minister, Sir Miles Lampson. The continued failure to reach an agreement on the question of a time limit for the withdrawal of Japanese troops nearly wrecked the Conference, when Sir Miles Lampson suggested the issuance of statements by each party. He suggested that the Japanese statement express the hope that the withdrawal of troops will be completed within six months, if not sooner, and that the Chinese statement declare that the spirit of the League of Nations' resolutions will not be fulfilled until complete withdrawal is carried out. It was finally agreed to submit such statements to the respective Governments.

The Conference adjourned until Saturday morning (to-morrow).—Reuter Pacific Service.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Allahabad, Yesterday.

In spite of Government's decision prohibiting the annual session of the Indian National Congress, Pondit Malaviya, the veteran Nationalist leader, in a statement made to the Press, stated that he hoped to hold the conference in Delhi on April 24, and that preparations to that end would proceed.—Reuter.

ENGLAND'S OLDEST PEER DEAD.

Godson of Queen Adelaide.

LORD NORTH.

London, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of Lord North at the age of ninety-six.

The late Lord North was England's oldest Peer. His godmother was Queen Adelaide, wife of King William IV.—Reuter.

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William Henry John North, is the 11th. Baron, the Baronetcy having been created in 1554. He was born in 1836, and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. In 1858 he married the daughter of Commander R. Howe Cockerell, R.N.

The late Lord North was late Lieutenant in the 1st Life Guards, Maj. Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, also Hon. Colonel of the 4th. Batt. Oxfordshire Light Infantry, and his decorations include the Bali Grand Cross of the Order of Malta. He was High Steward of Banbury and also Justice of the Peace for Oxfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Middlesex (London).

Lord North's heir is Lt. Col. Hon. W. F. J. North.

THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE.

Trade and Industrial Advisers.

FOR U.K. DELEGATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, to-day informed a deputation of the British Committee on Empire Trade that the Government had decided to appoint trade advisers to the United Kingdom delegation attending the Ottawa Conference.

The deputation expressed gratification with this decision and promised assistance and co-operation.

Mr. Thomas later invited the deputation from the Trade Union Congress to nominate two representatives to accompany the United Kingdom delegation to Ottawa in accordance with the Government's decision to appoint industrial advisers to their delegation.—British Wireless Service.

SCHEME TO RID CHINA OF BANDITS.

League of Nations As Policeman.

MATTER FOR CHINA TO DECIDE.

London, Yesterday.

The policing of China by the League of Nations, in order to stamp out bandits, was urged to-day by Mr. Macquisten (Conservative), in the House of Commons.

He proposed that small police forces should be recruited from the various members of the League, each operating in a prescribed area.

Captain Eden replied to the effect that the Foreign Secretary was not prepared to propose such a scheme, as the initiative rested with the Chinese Government.

Mr. Macquisten's suggestion that many potential Chinese police were willing to serve without pay, brought a reiteration of Captain Eden's first reply.—Reuter.

CHILE UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

Military Plot Discovered.

RUN ON A BANK.

Santiago de Chile, Yesterday.

Martial law was ordered throughout Chile to-night, following a serious run on the Central Bank.

Military plot to capture the Presidential Palace has also been discovered.

Congress is now sitting secret session to consider the situation.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

Proposal to Increase Contributions.

Geneva, Yesterday.

An increase in contributions to the International Labour Office was proposed by M. Jouhaux (France), on behalf of the Workers group at a meeting of the governing body to-day.

He declared that the contributions of the States were the smallest, compared with the amount spent on armaments.

The Employers group pointed out that industries in the States were unable to support further taxation. The British and German Governments' delegates adopted a negative attitude towards the proposal.—Reuter.

A HOSTILE CROWD STONES SWEET SHOP

CHILDREN POISONED

SEQUEL TO INCIDENT IN SHANGHAI STREET.

POLICE MAKE AN ARREST

A case of accidental poisoning, involving three Chinese children, occurred in Yaumati yesterday afternoon, but fortunately has so far had no serious results.

It appears that the three children, Leung Yuk-ngan (8), Leung Kam (6), both girls, and Leung Ping-shun (4), a boy, residing at No. 374, Shanghai Street, went out yesterday afternoon to buy sweets. They made their purchase at the Wui Heung Sweet Shop, 486, Shanghai Street, and shortly afterwards showed symptoms of poisoning, and vomited. They were taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where they received immediate treatment. Their conditions are reported to be not serious.

A sequel to the affair occurred last night, when a hostile crowd gathered outside the Wui Heung Shop. Stones were thrown at the shop window, and the shutters damaged. A body of Police arrived from Yaumati Station and prevented further destruction. One man was arrested for throwing stones at the Police, and was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when Mr. Fraser, the Magistrate, imposed a fine of $25 or three weeks' hard labour, and bound him over in $200 to be of good behaviour for a year.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Crown Agent's Office.

SIR WILLIAM GOWERS AS HEAD.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Colonial Secretary has appointed Sir William Frederick Gowers, at present Governor of Uganda, to be Senior Crown Agent for the Colonies in succession to Sir Henry Charles Miller Lambert, who is shortly retiring.

Colonel Fleming has been appointed Fourth Crown Agent for the Colonies and Engineer-in-Chief in succession to Colonel Sir James Carmichael, who is shortly retiring.—British Wireless Service.

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Sir William Frederick Gowers, K.C.M.G., C.M.G., M.A., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Uganda Protectorate since 1925, is the son of the late Sir William Gowers, M.D., F.R.S., and was born in 1875. Educated at Rugby, and Trinity College, Cambridge, he gained his First Class Classical Tripos. In 1902 he entered the Colonial Civil Service, and was called to the Bar (Inner Temple) in 1915. During the War he served with the Cameroons Expeditionery Force from 1915 to 1916. He was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nigeria in 1921, and was awarded the Legion of Honour in 1917.

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Sir Henry Charles Miller Lambert, K.C.M.G., was born in 1868. He is the eldest son of the late H. T. Lambert, of Sandhills, Surrey, and was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford. He entered the Colonial Office in 1892, and in 1897 acted as Private Secretary to Mr. Chamberlain for the House of Commons' Select Committee on South Africa. From 1897 to 1907 he was Chairman of Committee, Emigrant's Information Office, paying visits to Canada in 1903, and to Australia and New Zealand in 1905. He was Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, and Secretary to the Imperial Conference, 1916 to 1921. Since 1921 he has been Senior Crown Agent for the Colonies, and from 1924 to 1925 was Acting Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir Henry was married in 1892, and has three daughters and one son. In 1931 he published Vol. II. History of Banstead in Surrey.

SWEEPSTAKES AND LOTTERIES.

British Government to Tackle Problem.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO REPORT

Rugby, Yesterday.

The appointment of a Royal Commission to make a comprehensive survey of the laws relating to sweepstakes and lotteries was abandoned in the House of Commons to-day by the Home Secretary, Sir Herbert Samuel.

He said that it was generally agreed that serious difficulties existed in the way of enforcing the present law regarding sweepstakes and lotteries. Events in the two years had brought this to the notice of the authorities and the public. There were difficulties in connection with the enforcement of the law relating to street betting and the totalistor, and, from time to time, new developments arose, such as betting on motor-cycle and Greyhound racing.

The Government had, therefore, decided that a law was needed and that steps should be taken for the appointment of a Royal Commission with wide terms of reference as soon as possible. — British Wireless Service.

AMERICAN AIR ACE CRASHES.

Frank Hawks in Critical Condition.

CRUSHED FACE AND INJURED SKULL.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Worcester, Mass., Yesterday.

The "Human Bullet," as Frank Hawks is known, on account of his extraordinarily consistent speedflights, is in a critical condition as the result of a crash with his record-breaking plane. He was dragged out unconscious from the wreckage with a badly crushed face and an injured skull.

Hawks holds the American trans-Continental air-record. He flitted between European capitals last year at speeds which made the air mails seem slow.

PAYING OFF BRITISH CREDITORS

Rugby, Yesterday.

Questioned in the House of Commons as to the date by which it would be found possible to repay the remaining balances of credits obtained last Autumn by the Treasury from France and the United States, Major Elliot, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that, since repayments were made at the end of last month, the remaining part of the American credit, namely $20,000,000, had been repaid. The right to re-borrow had, however, been retained until the anniversary date of the original credit, August 28.

There now remained outstanding only a loan of 2,500,000,000 francs from the French public, which was not repayable before the date of maturity in September.—British Wireless Service.

CLOUDS AND RAIN.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning stated:—

The anticyclone has dispersed leaving pressure highest in the Eastern Sea and relatively low over Indo-China.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy, fog, mist or light rain.

Rainfall.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day—nil. Total since January 1—4.87 inches against an average of 7.29 inches—deficit 2.42 inches.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	68
Macao	68
Pratas Island	76
Manila	77
Foochow	60
Amoy	61
Swatow	56
Chefoo	49
Shanghai	45

GHASTLY CLASSROOM TRAGEDY

London, Yesterday.

The ghastly result of professorial absent-mindedness was described to-day at the inquest held in Liverpool into the death of Science Master James Foote.

He was lecturing a class in the Walton Junior Technical School laboratory, when, apparently, he felt thirsty and drank a beakerfull of acid in mistake for water. He fell down writhing in agony and died within a few seconds.

The inquest stands adjourned.

STOP PRESS

New York, To-day.

A "One Man Dictatorship" as a means for revitalising the rubber industry in the United States has virtually been agreed to by the leaders of the rubber and allied industries.—Reuter's American Service.

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Hence, steam turbines of what would now be regarded as of moderate output required a whole street of boilers to supply them. In spite of their moderate steaming rates, boiler efficiencies were by no means high.

The boiler-room, again, was generally dark and invariably dirty, since clinker cannot be raked out and quenched on the stokehold floor without an accompanying deposit of grime all round.

Present Day Output.

To-day, outputs from a single boiler have risen up to 1,270,000 lb. of steam per hour, which was recorded during a test at the 14th Street Power Station, New York; and what is more remarkable is that modern high outputs have been attained with an actual gain in efficiency.

His outputs were, in fact, attained years ago in the case of water tube boilers on destroyers, but the boiler efficiency diminished rapidly as the demand for steam increased.

The improvement has been mainly due to the greater proportion of the heating surface to which the heat is transferred by radiation in place of by conduction; but it is of interest to note that one Continental firm is developing an idea put forward by the late Professor J. T. Nicolson more than twenty-five years since, Professor Nicolson advocated the adoption of very high gas speeds, an advice which was based on Osborne Reynolds's theory of heat transfer from a fluid to a wall.

Air Speeds Employed.

In the work now in progress air speeds of over 600 ft. per minute are employed, and it is claimed that this will permit of very large reductions in the heating surface required.

It may be noted that in the case of blast-furnace tuyeres where the air speeds go up to some 1,000 ft. per second, rates of heat transfer of as much as 100,000 B.Th.U. per square foot per hour have been recorded. This is, possibly, as high a rate as can be attained in purely radiation heating.

No Drastic Changes.

It is somewhat remarkable that boiler-makers have been able to meet the demand for high pressures without drastic changes of type, but the weldless-steel drum has made this possible.

Such drums are, however, expensive, and may ultimately be replaced by electrically welded ones. One firm, Mr. J. V. Robinson states, in the latest of the contributions on power stations which he has made for some years past to the Journal of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, has installed X-ray apparatus for testing welds, the rays having a penetration of 3½ in. of steel.

In any case, Mr. Robinson anticipates in the early future considerable reductions in the cost of high-pressure boilers. Whilst, however, old types have been successfully adapted to new conditions, much work is in progress in developing new types.

The Benson and Loeffler boilers have now been built in units yielding 150,000 lb. to 220,000 lb. of steam per hour.

Automatic Stokers.

Whilst for the very largest outputs pulverised fuel firing is required, there has been a remarkable development of automatic stokers.

Mr. Robinson mentions that makers are now prepared to go up to widths of 88 ft. for boilers supplying 500,000 lb. of steam per hour.

At the new Battersea power station the boilers are rated at over 300,000 lb. per hour, and we understand that the stokers will work successfully over a range of 7 to 1—a flexibility which makes any form of heat storage unnecessary.

Unfair Criticism.

As is common knowledge, there has been violent criticism of the Battersea station in the daily press, characterised, as Mr. Robinson says, "with that little knowledge which is so dangerous."

Alarming pictures have been drawn of the wholesale destruction wrought by sulphurous fumes discharged with the works. The company concerned has, however, been able to satisfy the chemists appointed by the Government of the baselessness of these fears.—Engineering.

WATSON'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The profit for the twelve months, ended October 31, 1931, amounts to $201,324.62 which together with the carry forward of $80,133.13 from the previous year, leaves $281,457.75 available for appropriation.

The Directors will recommend at the forthcoming annual meeting of shareholders that this sum be allocated as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 80 cents per share which will absorb	$ 96,000.00
Place to Reserve Fund ...	50,000.00
Transfer to Exchange Fluctuation Account	50,000.00
Transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund ...	5,000.00
And carry forward to next account	80,457.75
	$281,457.75

I.I.D. CERTIFICATES.

Messrs. A. Goeke & Co., local agents for the Societe Internationale de Placements, Basle, advise us that the latest official quotation in Basle is £2-14-0.

IMPOUNDING THE MONSOON WATERS

FOR IRRIGATION OF RICE CROPS.

In Madras.

The Cauvery River, 492 miles long, rises in South India in the Coorg Province at Bhagamandala, where the watershed is about 5,000 ft. above sea level, and the average rainfall is 200 in. per annum, with a maximum of 400 in., falling chiefly during the S.W. Monsoon, June to August.

Fifty miles from its source the river enters the Mysore State, where the average rainfall is 35 in., falling chiefly during the period extending from July to October. The least rainfall is 20 in., occurring at Coimbatore, in the Bhavani Basin, and falling during the N.E. Monsoon, in October and November and reaching the Cauvery by way of the tributary known as the Bhavani River.

On the Madras seaboard, the rainfall averages 45 in. per annum. It falls chiefly during the N.E. Monsoon in October and November.

Great Variety of Rainfall.

Thus there is great variety of rainfall in the catchment area, and averages or maxima are liable to be upset by abnormal rainfall in more than one part of the catchment at one time. A case of this kind occurred, for instance, in July, 1924, when the hitherto recorded maximum flow of 250,000 cusecs was exceeded by a flood amounting to 436,000 cusecs, an increase of 74 per cent.

Fortunately this flood came down at a time when the work of the Metur Dam had not been commenced and advantage was taken of it to revise the proposals in regard to surplussing arrangements for the Metur Reservoir.

Such a flood is certainly abnormal and hardly likely to recur within a hundred years, but on the other hand, such an experience might recur or even be surpassed, at any time.

Huge Storage Reservoir.

At Metur, in the Madras Presidency, the Madras Public Works Department is now constructing a storage reservoir on the Cauvery River, 275 miles below its source, to hold 93,500,000,000 cub. ft. of water (2.14 million acre ft.) This storage will be used for the irrigation of 1,000,000 acres of existing rice crops in the Tanjore Delta, and in addition, 301,000 acres of new irrigation. For the latter, new canals and branches are being excavated.

The N.E. Monsoon is sometimes a complete failure but the S.W. Monsoon is regular and dependable, and the Metur Reservoir will store the excess flow during the succeeding period. By this means, the crops in the Tanjore Delta, totalling 1,801,000 acres, will be assured of an even and regular supply.

Crops Hitherto Subject to Damage.

Hitherto, these crops, from time immemorial, have been subject to damage by submersion alternating with failure due to drought, according to diverse conditions of flow in the river.

The Cauvery river branches into two at the Upper Anicut about 9 miles upstream of Trichinopoly, the left branch being known as the Coleroon River. Ten miles below Trichinopoly the Cauvery River is a barrage known as the Grand Anicut where the head sluices of the Tanjore Delta are situated, 130 miles down stream from the Metur Dam.

At the Grand Anicut the water in excess of requirements for irrigation is turned into the Coleroon, and the Cauvery, by means of its three head sluices, divides and subdivides the supply all over the Tanjore Delta. The branch which retains the name of Cauvery enters the sea in the shape of an insignificant stream about eight miles South of Tranquebar.

Arguments of 60 Years Ended.

The decision to build a dam at Metur was only reached after very mature consideration. Arguments in favour of a proposal to build a dam across the Bhavani River instead of one across the Cauvery, were put forward as long as 60 years ago, and were only settled in 1910 when Government adopted the scheme of Colonel Ellis, R.E., to build a dam across the Cauvery at Metur.

Negotiations with the Mysore Government were followed by cessation of all activities due to the outbreak of the Great War. Eventually, however, terms were concluded with the Mysore Government in 1926.—Engineering.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"GOLD DIGGERS OF BROADWAY."

Delightful entertainment is the keynote of Warner Brothers' all-talking colourtone presentation "Gold Diggers of Broadway" featuring a host of favourite players, which is now on view at the Star Theatre. The production is spectacular in every sense of the word, and the producers have spared nothing in making the film an unqualified success.

The players include Nancy Welford, Conway Tearle (a silent day favourite) Winnie Lightner, Ann Pennington, Lilyan Tashman, William Bakewell, Nick Lucas, Helen Foster, Albert Gran and Julia Swayne-Gordon. Miss Lightner is responsible for the film's big measure of hilarity, with her facial contortions and singing! Nick Lucas strums on a guitar, and sings "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine" and "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" delightfully.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

VALUABLE ORIENTAL "PROPS" FOR A FILM.

A motion picture set furnished with Oriental "props" valued at $100,000 was used at Universal City for a number of scenes for "East of Borneo" the Far Eastern drama which is showing at the Central Theatre to-day. The setting of the story is in the East Indies, and the exterior scenes were actually photographed in Java, Sumatra and the Malay States. "Interiors" were filmed at the studio, and this particular setting, representing the interior of an old palace, found the studio property men gathering many rare old Oriental pieces. The prize of the collection was a bronze Buddha standing nine feet in height, and valued at $25,000. Other smaller statues and statuettes were scattered about the set, and Lal Chand Mehra, noted East Indian technical adviser, declared that the "White Buddha," a small marble statue used in the picture, was one of the finest pieces he had ever seen. In addition to the stuary there was a great array of real Oriental furniture, the most valuable piece being a long ebony bench inlaid with mother-of-pearl. Rugs and draperies which were used also represented a small fortune, and sterling silver was used for table services.

"THE SANTA FE TRALL."

First it was the lowing herd, and "The Virginian" thrilled audiences with its thousands of cattle crying out as they thundered along. Then it was the nickering herd, and "The Light of Western Stars" combined the neighs of a horde of stampeding horses with the "moo" of cattle. The braying of donkeys was important comedy motif in "Old Arizona." And now it is the bleating herd.

"The Santa Fe Trail," which Paramount has adapted from Hal G. Evarts' novel, "Spanish Acres," and which is now showing at the King's Theatre, is the first big production to record the continuous drone of thousands of sheep as they move before the cameras and microphone. Like "The Virginian," "The Light of Western Stars" and "The Border Legion," which preceded it to the screen, the new film includes the sounds of horse and cattle voices but its new thrill is the sound of calling sheep.

Richard Arlen appears as the owner of a herd of 10,000 sheep which he has brought into New Mexico, after having survived the sheep-cattle wars in Kansas. With him is Eugene Pallette, as his pal, and Junior Durkin, as an orphan whose father was killed while fighting on Arlen's side in Kansas. Rosita Moreno is cast opposite Arlen as a senorita, whose father owns Spanish Acres. Mitzi Green, nine-year-old actress, plays a western child, the ward of Rosita. Many of the sheep sequences were filmed on location and a number of large southern California herds of sheep were assembled for the production.

CHAMPAGNE CORK POPPER.

To meet the demands of the movie microphone and the provisions of the prohibition act at the same time, a champagne-cork popper has made its appearance in Hollywood. In scenes calling for the use of champagne, bottles of carbonated water, decorated with authentic champagne labels, are used. But when the cork is pulled out the "pop" is nothing but a dismal sizzle. It sounds more like a leaky steam radiator than anything else. The need for an authentic pop led to the invention of a compressed-air popper, which creates the sound of a perfect champagne "pop" in the microphone. The new invention was used for the first time during filming of "New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford," which will open on Sunday at the Queen's Theatre for three days. The picture, suggested by George Randolph Chester's widely-read cosmopolitan Magazine stories, feature William Haines, Jimmy (Schonzzle) Durante, Ernest Torrence and Leila Hyams.

Haines plays the wise-cracking sharpster, Wallingford; Torrence portrays his partner, Blackie Daw, and the riotous, long-nosed Durante has the role of a chauffeur who becomes more than skilled in the gentle art of pickpocketing. Miss Hyams is the girl who finally makes the hero reform. The picture was directed by Sam Wood. In the supporting cast are Guy Kibbee, who scored as the salesman of underground-novelties in "Laughing Sinners." Hale Hamilton, Robert McWade, Clara Blandick and Walter Walker.

"PALMY DAYS."

Many times Hazel Witter, University of Nebraska alumnus, had pricked her finger as her busy needles stitched gowns for famous screen stars. She is now pricking her fingers to see if it's all true-that she herself is now in pictures. Hazel may be seen in "Palmy Days," Eddie Cantor's second picture for Samuel Goldwyn, which comes to the King's Theatre next Sunday.

Mr. Goldwyn, Director Edward A. Sutherland, Busby Berkeley, former dance director of the Ziegfeld Follies, and even Eddie Cantor himself, were unanimous in approving the promotion of Hazel Witter. It was the end of a long and tedious search. More than 2,500 girls had been interviewed by the Goldwyn staff in a seacrh of the tweleve most beautiful girls in Hollywood. The film public marvelled at the beauty of the girls in "Whoopee." But the producers were determned that "Palmy Days" should surpass Cantor's first film in every way. Only four of the "Whoopee" girls were able to pass muster for the new film. Hundreds of girls had been interviewed and given screen tests every day. And of the lot only eleven were found who were deemed beautiful enough. For two weeks the search had been frantic for a twelfth girl. Rehearsals had to be held up for the selection. Then Samuel Goldwyn saw Hazel Witter sewing in the work room. He gave her a test. The result was that she was signed to appear in the film, with an optional clause in her contract which may lead to stardom. Samuel Goldwyn made stars of Ronald Colman, Vilma Banky, Lois Moran, Lily Damita and many others. He may do the same for Hazel Witter.

Miss Witter, however, is no ordinary seamstress. She spent two years at the University of Nebraska studying art, and another year at York College in Lincoln, Nebraska, her birthplace. Three years ago she came to Hollywood, and has been attending the Frank Wiggin School, studying costume designing. It was to gain experience that she started as seamstress in the Chanel workroom of Mr. Goldwyn's studio.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Recorded Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

7.05-7.18 p.m.—
Suite Francaise (Foulds),
Played by the Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (B2742-51).

8 p.m.—Local Time.

7.18-8.18 p.m.—Variety.

Humorous Song—
How About Me?
Oh You Have No Idea,
Gracie Fields (B2795).

Hawaiian Orchestra—
My Hula Love,
Kawaihau Waltz,
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra (B2799).

Song—
Mammy is Gone,
High Water,
Paul Robeson (B3663).

Organ Solo—
Valse Mysterieuse,
Souvenir di Valentino,
Arthur Meale (B3060).

Vocal Duet—
Just What I Thought,
Eggs, Toast & Coffee,
Dora Maughan and Walter Fehl (B3000).

Band—
Washington Post March,
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (B3787).

Humorous Song—
Don't Criticise,
Does My Sweetie Care for Me?
Leslie Sarony (B2351).

8.18-8.32 p.m.—
Three Cornered Hat Suite (de Falla)—
(a) The Neighbours,
(b) The Miller's Dance,
(c) Final Dance,
The New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Malcolm Sargent (B2722).

8.32-9.25 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestral—
Faust Selections (Gounod),
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (C1877).

Song—
Don Giovanni (Mozart)—
"Scold Me Dear Masetto",
Il Re Pastore (Mozart)—
"I Will Love Her",
Elizabeth Rethberg, Soprano (7472).

Orchestral—
The Queen of Sheba (Goldmark)—
Ballet Music,
Chicago Symphony Orchestra (7474).

Song—
Traviata (Verdi)—
"Wild My Dreams of Youth",
Lucia (Donizetti)—
"Tomb of My Sainted Fathers",
Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) (6876).

Orchestral—
Manon (Massenet)—Fantasy,
Marek Weber & His Orchestra (36046).

9.25-9.50 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Selections.
The Yeomen of the Guard,
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (C1289).
Patience ...Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (C1274).
The Gondoliers,
Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards (C1273).

9.50-10.25 p.m.—A Concert.

Vocal Duet—
The Thought Never Entered my Head,
Moon Enchanted (Besley),
Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham (B3276).

String Bass Solo—
Minuet in G (Beethoven),
Valse Miniature (Koussevitzky),
Serge Koussevitzky (1476).

Vocal Quartet—
Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes (Arr. G. T. Ball),
Messrs. Capel Dixon and Frank Hastwell and Masters E. Lough and R. Mallett (B2770).

Piano Solo—
Valse Brillante (Chopin),
Valse Caprice (Rubenstein),
Ignace Jan Paderewski (6877).

Song—
Wait (D'Hardelot),
In an Old Fashioned Town (Squire),
John Turner (Tenor) (B2205).

Violin Solo—
Serenade (Schubert),
Mischa Elman (7461).

Song—
Dear Love, My Love (Friml),
Lilian Davies (Soprano) (B3192).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

PRESENTATION TO REV. AND MRS. H. V. KOOP.

A large number of friends assembled in the St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon to bid farewell to the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., Cathedral Chaplain, and Mrs. Koop, who are leaving the Colony to-day, after over four years sojourn here. On behalf of the Goodwill Farewell Fund, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., presented the Rev. and Mrs. Koop with a cheque. They were also the recipients of a gift from the Cathedral Choir. The Dean, the Rev. A. Swann, Sir Henry Pollock, and Master James paid tribute to the departing guests.

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Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre; "The Santa Fe Trail."
To-day — Queen's Theatre; "Behind Office Doors."
To-day — Central Theatre "Sin Takes A Holiday".
To-day — Majestic Theatre: "Silence."
To-day — Star Theatre: "Gold Diggers of Broadway."

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Suez (Corfu), 10.30 a.m.

Lammert's Auction.

To-day—At Sales Room, postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Land Sales.

April 11—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

April 13—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon.
April 14—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, general meeting of importers, Chartered Bank Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
April 19—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.
April 21—Wm. Powell, Ltd., 6, Des Vœux Road Central, 11.30 a.m.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR YOUTH.

French Doctor's Lecture in Singapore.

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Avoid an excess of starchy and rich foods; let your mind be free of worry during meals.

Another old adage. Always rise from the table while yet desiring to eat more. Do not drink during meals; it interferes with the digestion.

The speaker was in favour of red wine. It has a tonic and antiseptic effect.

The doctor did not favour vegetarianism. A mixed diet he thought the best. Hearty feeding for the young and for hard workers, lighter meals for the old and for sedentary workers.

Do not forget the effect of a proper, or a wrong mental attitude. A pessimistic attitude of mind is one that is conducive to a toximic condition. It is especially necessary to be cheerful tempered at the changes of life, because the reaction then is much more acute.

Prevention is better than cure. Get periodic overhaul from your doctor. Breakdowns in the chain here and there are more easily dealt with when they are as yet only threatening.

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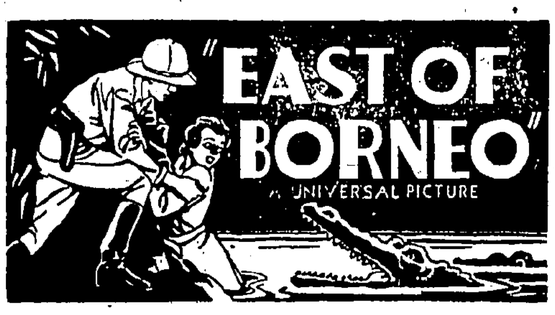

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PRINCE'S GOLFING DEFEAT.

Fourth Round of Naval Tournament.

THE LAST GREEN.

Rugby, Yesterday.

After winning his first three matches the Prince of Wales was defeated in the fourth round of the Junior Handicap knock-out competition in the annual meeting of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Golfing Society at Sunningdale today.

The Prince was eliminated after a great struggle with Surgeon Commander Cameron, who won on the last green by one hole.—British Wireless Service.

FANLING GOLF.

Starting Times for Sunday.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanling:—

New Course.

9.28 a.m. A. E. Gerondal, M. Barber.
10.00 „ Mrs. E. P. Fletcher, W. C. Pyeatt.
10.04 „ Mrs. W. C. Pyeatt, E. P. Fletcher.
10.32 „ A. Reid, T. R. Chassel.
10.36 „ H. G. Wallington, Rev. D. M. Richards.
10.40 „ Mrs. N. J. Perrin, Miss K. P. Curtin.

Old Course.

9.16-9.20 a.m.—Not to be booked by travellers on 8.28 train.
9.24 a.m. K. W. Jones*, J. C. Dunbar*.
9.28 „ B. D. Evans*, R. W. Tapin*.
9.32 „ C. E. Gahagan, J. Gardner.
9.36 „ A. D. Humphreys, R. C. Law.
9.40 „ J. B. MacDonald, D. Black.
9.44 „ E. McBryden, R. C. Webb.
9.48 „ A. E. Lissaman, W. C. Shields.
9.52 „ S. S. Perry, A. S. Coppin.
9.56 „ J. W. Alabaster, H. R. Remington.
10.00 „ J. B. Lanyon, J. A. R. Selby.
10.04 „ C. H. Rolfe, J. F. Robinson.
10.08 „ W. S. Hillier, J. Mandracchia.
10.12 „ W. D. Hughes, J. S. Dykes.
10.16 „ A. Kidd, H. W. M. Dulley.
10.20 „ Lt. H. C. Gould, Col. R. B. Cousens.
10.24 „ G. A. Leiper, W. D. Harris.
10.28 „ N. J. Perrin, D. S. Edward.
10.32 „ H. H. Mundy, W. A. Stewart.
10.36 „ W. Woodward, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.40 „ T. J. Fenwick, S. J. H. Fox.
10.44 „ H. R. Sturt, G. C. Warren.
10.48 „ G. W. Sewell, Lt. H. W. Dawkes.
10.52 „ W. D. Denham, C. W. F. Booker.
10.56 „ R. W. Gardiner, H. S. Hills.
11.00 „ O. E. C. Marton, L. R. Andrewes.
11.04 „ A. B. Raworth, D. G. Bruce.
11.08 „ K. Mackenzie, C. J. D. Law.
11.12 „ A. M. Parker, L. Yates.
11.16 „ W. A. Butterfield, R. E. Atwell.
11.20 „ J. B. Ross, I. H. Geare.
11.24 „ P. S. Grant, Hon. Comdr. G. F. H. Hole.
11.28 „ D. S. Robb, H. Lowe.
11.32 „ G. R. Horridge, W. Mulcahy.

MATCH IN THE SECOND DIVISION

The 12th Batt. R.A. v. R.A.O.C. match in the Second Division will play on the H.K.F.C. ground instead of at Sookunpoo. Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp.

The other match, the Argylls v. University, is cancelled. The University are unable to raise a team.

FINCHER & GOLDMAN IN THE FINAL.

Indifferent Display Leads to Stiff Fight.

UMPIRE'S UNFORTUNATE DECISION.

If the Rumjahn cousins were present at yesterday's Open Doubles Championship semi-final match, they must have left the H.K.C.C. with all confidence of winning the title for the eighth year in succession. E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman gave one of the most indifferent displays witnessed in a semi-final game during recent years. They showed little understanding and the hesitancy of some of their movements gave ground for many anxious moments.

Goldman was in one of his most careless moods and consequently Fincher had to play much steadier than should have been necessary. There were times when he was made to cover the whole court with Goldman standing idle at the net. The lobbing campaign which was launched on Fincher and Goldman proved most effective, though it tended to become monotonous to watch. Smash after smash went astray; and if one went in it was so badly placed that another lob came over to be placed into the net or out of the court. Had the Chinese pair played just a little steadier they would now be awaiting the final, though with little hope of success, but with the satisfaction of having reached the final round.

Yew Man-kit played a splendid game in the second and third sets, and his serving was the one bright feature of the match. Ho Ka-lau introduced many of his spectacular smashes to advantage, but his volleying was not so impressive.

One incident, which occurred during the match, deserves attention. There was no one entrusted to the side lines nearest the stand, and a very doubtful decision in the last game of the match was the outcome. Both Fincher and Goldman were up at the net with the score at 30-all (Yew Man-kit serving), when the latter whipped across a beautiful cross court drive which had Goldman well beaten and which landed at least a foot inside the court. The crowd applauded the stroke, but above the applause came the umpire's decision "Out!" 30-40 and match point! It must have been most disheartening to the Chinese pair. All four players were astonished at the umpire's decision, but it had to remain. Yew Man-kit managed to win the next point to make it deuce, but the Chinese pair lost the next two points to give their opponents game, set and match at 8-6.

Full results of yesterday's play in the Lawn Tennis Championships were as follows:—

Open Doubles.

(Semi-final.)

E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman beat Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 8-6.

Club Championship.

(Semi-final.)

A. L. Sullivan beat Y. V. Segalen 8-6, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "A".

H. Foley beat J. Lecky 6-0, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles.

Rodger and Rodger beat Ferguson and Wilson 6-3, 7-5.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.

Redmond and Mrs. James beat Gordon and Miss Thomas 6-4, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.

(Semi-final Replay.)

S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo (Stand Court, 4.15 p.m.).

Club Championship Final.

A. L. Sullivan v. L. Goldman.

Handicap Singles "B."

Beck v. Clarke.
Penn v. Lampard.

Handicap Doubles.

Ride and Harkins v. Lecky and Waite.

RADIO SPORTS CLUB HOCKEY FIXTURES.

Busy Week-End in Store.

BIG MATCH ON APRIL 16.

The Radio Sports Club are having another busy week-end, three friendly hockey fixtures having been arranged. On Friday at 5 p.m., they meet the South Wales Borderers; on Saturday at 3 p.m., their opponents will be a team from H.M.S. Bruce; while on Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., they meet the R.A.F. All three matches will be played on the Caroline Hill ground, and the teams for the three days are as follows:—

On Friday:—A. Spary; P. Singh, J. Singh; Hanib, G. Jack, M. Singh; S. Singh, H. Singh, G. Singh, K. Singh, Atta Singh. Reserves: A. E. P. Guest and J. T. K. Gilchrist.

On Saturday:—A. Spary; P. Singh, J. Singh; Hanib, G. Jack, M. Singh; S. Singh, A. E. P. Guest, G. Singh, K. Singh, H. Singh. Reserves: Atma Singh and Atta Singh.

On Sunday:—A. Spary; P. Singh, J. Singh; Hanib, G. Jack, M. Singh; H. Singh, A. E. P. Guest, G. Singh, K. Singh, F. A. Kemp. Reserves: S. Singh and Atma Singh.

Champions v. The Rest.

On Saturday, April 16, the Radio Sports Club, winners of the Mamak Shield, are playing "The Rest of the League." The venue of the match will probably be the C.B.A. ground, at King's Park.

REST TEAM AGAINST JUNIOR HOLDERS.

H. E. Strange Captains Representative Side.

The following have been selected to represent "The Rest" against the Junior Champions, the Indian Recreation Club, on the Civil Service Cricket Club ground tomorrow at 2 p.m.:—

H. E. Strange (captain) (C.S.C.C.), S. Randle (C.S.C.C.), F. S. W. Smith (K.C.C.), F. E. Lawrence (K.C.C.), R. S. W. Paterson (H.K.C.C.), T. R. Hunter (Police), J. W. Leonard (C.C.C.), Cpl. Meehan (R.E. & S.), C. E. R. Clarabutt (University), Pte. Ronan (S.W.B.), and A. Prata (Recreio).

Reserves: D. Kilbee (H.K.C.C.), B. G. Baker (Police), and F. J. MacGowan (C.S.C.C.).

H.K. FOOTBALL CLUB ELEVEN.

Against Borderers To-morrow.

The following team has been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Club against the South Wales Borderers on the Club ground to-morrow at 4.45 p.m.:—

Rodger; Strange, Foley; Railton, Segalen, Baldwin; Alexander, Duncan, Howe, Strange, and Fowler.

Reserve: Hynes.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held in the Association Offices, No. 20, Ice House Street, at 5.30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 13, when the following business will be attended to:—

To confirm the minutes of Council Meeting No. 10 and Emergency Committee Meeting No. 7;

To receive the Treasurers' statement of accounts for March and to pass bills;

Correspondence;

Shield and League Trophies to players; and

Any other business that may arise.

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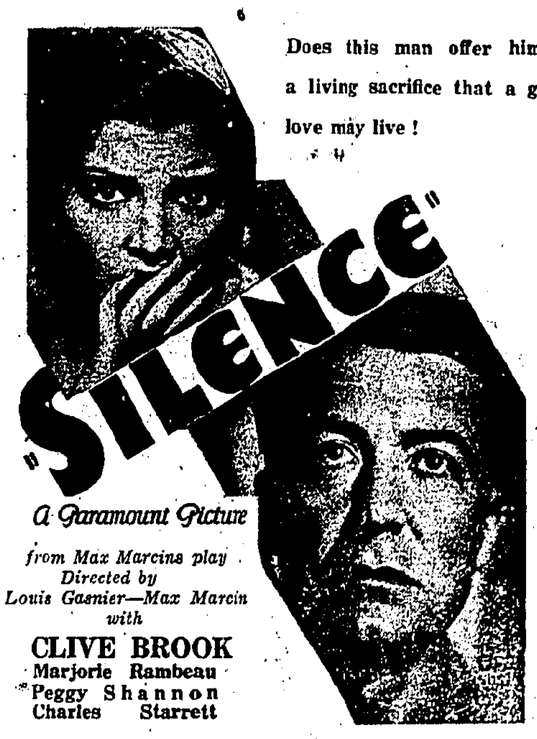

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KOWLOON LADIES AT PRACTICE.

For Return Encounter Against Hong Kong.

YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY.

The Kowloon Ladies' hockey eleven, composed of members of the St. Andrew's Club, C.B.A., and Club de Recreio, held their first practice match on the Diocesan Girls' School ground yesterday afternoon, prior to their return encounter with the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club on Saturday, April 16, on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park.

The opposition yesterday was provided by a team from H.M.S. Cumberland, the ladies losing by the odd goal in seven after an interesting match.

The ladies were one short, and accepted the services of a Cumberland player, who scored for them. The other two goals were scored by O. Dalziel and M. Woolley.

CHOPPER PRODUCED IN COURT.

Money Troubles of Two Women.

DOMESTIC SQUABBLE.

A young Chinese woman and her mother-in-law, stated to be 64 years of age, were brought before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with fighting, in Shaukiwan.

Inspector Stimson stated that the fight was over money matters, the elder woman contending that her daughter-in-law did not give her enough money.

A chopper, alleged to have been used on the mother-in-law, was produced in Court, Inspector Stimson stating that he could not find out how she got a cut on her head. The woman contended that it was self-inflicted. Both parties were bound over to keep the peace for a year.

To-morrow's Home Football Games

EVERTON TO VISIT LEICESTER

Arsenal v. Liverpool

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

	HOME.							AWAY.							Total
					Goals							Goals			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pts.
Everton	18	16	2	0	77	26	32	18	7	8	3	31	33	17	49
Arsenal	18	11	2	5	39	14	27	18	7	7	4	34	28	18	45
Wednesday	19	12	3	4	54	24	28	18	7	9	2	32	47	16	44
West Bromwich	18	12	2	4	40	12	28	20	7	11	2	36	32	16	44
Huddersfield T.	19	11	1	7	45	20	29	18	7	9	2	30	35	16	45
Sheffield United	19	13	3	3	45	25	29	18	6	10	2	31	37	14	43
Aston Villa	17	12	4	0	54	23	26	18	4	8	6	37	36	14	40
Liverpool	19	12	3	4	53	34	28	18	5	11	2	22	42	12	40
Portsmouth	19	13	4	2	31	20	28	18	3	10	5	11	37	11	39
Newcastle U.	17	13	1	3	49	24	29	18	4	13	1	24	46	9	38
Manchester City	19	10	5	4	47	27	24	19	3	10	6	32	40	12	36
Birmingham	19	11	3	5	41	21	27	18	3	13	2	22	42	8	35
Chelsea	17	10	4	3	35	21	23	18	4	11	3	24	39	11	34
Sunderland	19	9	6	4	38	29	22	19	3	10	6	21	40	12	34
Bolton W.	18	14	4	0	41	21	28	19	1	15	3	16	54	5	33
Middlesbrough	18	10	6	2	38	28	22	20	3	12	5	23	55	11	33
Derby County	19	12	3	4	46	22	28	19	0	14	5	17	47	5	33
Blackburn R.	19	10	6	3	52	41	23	18	3	12	3	29	48	9	32
West Ham U.	19	9	5	5	32	28	23	18	3	13	2	24	59	8	31
Leicester City	19	10	6	3	45	38	23	18	2	13	3	24	44	7	30
Blackpool	19	8	7	4	40	37	20	18	2	13	3	18	59	7	27
Grimsby Town	17	9	6	2	32	24	20	19	2	16	1	22	62	5	25

Second Division.

	HOME.							AWAY.							Total
					Goals							Goals			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pts.
Wolverhampton	19	15	1	3	62	10	33	18	7	6	5	41	31	19	52
Leeds United	18	11	3	4	34	19	26	19	10	5	4	40	28	24	50
Bury	19	12	4	3	41	19	27	18	8	7	3	19	30	19	46
Bradford	21	16	3	2	42	19	34	17	3	9	5	23	37	11	45
Stoke City	18	12	1	5	42	16	29	19	5	8	6	21	28	16	45
Plymouth A.	18	12	2	4	60	36	28	19	6	8	5	27	39	17	45
Bradford City	17	9	2	6	51	24	24	19	6	7	6	26	32	18	42
Millwall	19	12	5	2	40	20	26	18	3	10	5	16	38	11	37
Tottenham H.	19	9	4	6	54	36	24	18	4	9	5	27	35	13	37
Notts Forest	19	11	4	4	41	25	26	18	3	11	4	30	41	10	36
Manchester U.	19	10	6	3	41	31	23	18	5	10	3	25	38	13	36
Swansea Town	18	11	5	2	41	20	24	19	4	12	3	26	43	11	35
Southampton	18	9	6	3	34	27	21	19	6	11	2	25	45	14	35
Charlton A.	19	9	5	5	32	26	23	18	4	10	4	17	36	12	35
Chesterfield	19	11	7	1	40	30	23	18	2	9	7	18	45	11	34
Preston N.E.	18	9	3	6	28	20	24	19	3	12	4	33	51	10	34
Notts County	18	8	6	4	36	25	20	18	3	8	7	29	39	13	33
Oldham A.	18	9	6	3	37	30	21	19	3	11	5	19	42	11	32
Port Vale	19	7	8	4	37	29	18	18	4	11	3	27	52	11	29
Burnley	18	5	6	7	30	34	17	19	5	13	1	22	49	11	29
Barnsley	19	8	4	7	34	31	23	18	3	14	1	14	56	6	29
Bristol City	19	3	10	6	34	36	11	18	2	13	3	16	26	7	18

Third Division (South).

	HOME.							AWAY.							Total
					Goals							Goals			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pts.
Fulham	18	12	3	3	63	24	27	19	9	4	6	38	30	24	51
Reading	18	16	1	1	55	21	33	19	3	8	8	28	43	14	47
Southend United	18	10	4	4	33	16	24	19	9	6	4	36	35	22	46
Exeter City	19	15	1	3	50	15	33	18	5	11	2	23	41	12	45
Brentford	17	9	3	5	33	17	23	19	8	7	4	28	27	20	43
Crystal Palace	18	12	0	6	45	12	30	18	4	11	3	21	49	11	41
Brighton	18	11	5	2	34	20	24	18	5	6	7	26	30	17	41
Luton Town	18	14	3	1	52	18	29	18	4	10	4	29	39	12	41
Norwich City	19	11	2	6	42	17	28	18	4	10	4	18	37	12	40
Coventry City	19	15	2	2	65	25	32	18	1	12	5	29	56	7	39
Cardiff City	18	12	4	2	54	27	26	18	4	10	4	19	36	12	38
Watford	17	10	3	4	38	23	24	9	4	12	3	29	46	11	35
Queen's Park R.	18	8	4	6	43	28	22	19	4	10	5	27	40	13	35
Bournemouth	18	6	5	7	33	30	19	19	5	10	4	26	39	14	33
Northampton T.	18	9	6	3	38	22	21	19	4	11	4	17	37	12	33
Swindon Town	19	11	6	2	42	27	24	17	2	11	4	21	36	8	32
Torquay United	19	9	5	5	46	33	23	18	3	12	3	21	56	9	32
Bristol Rovers	19	10	4	5	43	28	25	18	2	14	2	16	54	6	31
Clapton Orient	19	6	6	7	38	33	19	16	4	10	2	38	40	10	29
Mansfield Town	18	9	5	4	44	40	22	19	0	14	5	21	58	5	27
Gillingham	18	7	7	4	21	23	18	18	2	14	2	14	43	6	24
Thames	19	5	8	6	31	31	16	18	1	15	2	14	76	4	20

Third Division (North).

	HOME.							AWAY.							Total
					Goals							Goals			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pts.
Lincoln City	19	16	2	1	63	12	33	18	9	6	3	32	17	21	54
Gateshead	18	13	2	3	55	19	29	19	9	6	4	33	27	22	51
Chester	19	15	2	2	47	19	32	18	5	7	6	24	34	16	48
Crewe A.	19	14	2	3	63	24	31	19	6	10	3	30	37	15	46
Barrow	17	13	3	1	42	21	27	19	9	10	0	29	31	18	45
Tranmere R.	19	14	1	4	71	22	32	17	3	9	5	27	32	11	43
Southport	18	13	0	5	35	13	31	19	3	10	6	14	36	11	42
York City	19	13	3	3	42	22	29	18	4	10	4	25	49	12	41
Wrexham	19	13	4	2	42	23	28	17	4	9	4	22	38	12	40
Darlington	18	12	5	1	39	21	25	19	6	10	3	26	37	15	40
Hull City	17	11	5	1	42	20	23	19	6	9	4	27	39	16	39
Accrington S.	19	13	2	4	53	21	30	16	2	12	2	18	49	6	36
Stockport City	18	11	4	3	28	12	25	18	1	9	8	28	30	10	35
Walsall	20	11	6	3	41	31	25	18	4	13	1	22	57	9	34
Doncaster R.	18	11	5	2	33	25	24	17	3	13	1	18	42	7	31
Carlisle U.	17	7	3	7	34	19	21	19	2	13	4	25	53	8	29
Halifax	15	8	3	4	24	14	20	18	3	13	2	24	55	8	28
Hartlepools	18	8	6	4	36	34	22	18	3	15	0	17	58	6	28
Rotherham	18	8	7	3	34	22	19	16	3	13	0	16	42	6	25
New Brighton	17	6	7	4	21	21	16	18	0	15	3	11	48	3	19
Rochdale	17	4	10	3	29	51	11	18	0	17	1	12	54	1	12

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

	HOME.							AWAY.							Total
					Goals							Goals			
	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.	Pts.
Motherwell	16	15	0	1	62	10	31	19	12	2	5	49	20	29	60
Rangers	17	15	1	2	59	11	30	16	11	3	2	46	22	22	52
Third Lanark	18	14	3	1	58	28	29	19	6	10	3	31	52	15	44
Celtic	18	12	4	2	60	20	26	17	6	6	5	27	25	17	43
Partick Thistle	17	11	3	3	32	18	25	18	8	9	1	24	30	17	42
St. Mirren	18	12	4	2	44	21	26	19	7	10	2	28	34	16	42
Aberdeen	19	10	3	6	33	15	26	19	6	10	3	24	34	15	41
Kilmarnock	18	18	3	2	48	22	28	17	3	9	5	17	33	11	39
Dundee	18	0	3	6	36	24	24	20	5	12	3	24	50	13	37
Hearts	17	8	4	5	29	16	21	19	7	12	0	28	43	14	35
Cowdenbeath	17	9	4	4	30	27	22	18	4	10	4	23	47	12	34
Hamilton A.	19	11	5	3	54	29	25	15	3	9	3	17	30	9	34
Queen's Park	19	9	8	2	36	38	20	17	4	10	3	23	38	11	31
Morton	19	10	5	4	54	31	24	16	2	11	3	19	42	7	31
Airdrieonians	17	9	4	4	41	27	22	18	3	14	1	29	52	7	29
Ayr United	19	9	9	1	43	32	19	19	2	11	6	27	38	10	29
Clyde	16	8	4	4	32	33	20	17	2	11	4	17	42	8	28
Falkirk	19	10	6	3	53	31	23	19	1	16	2	18	45	4	27
Dundee United	19	4	9	6	20	42	14	17	2	13	2	20	61	6	20
Leith Athletic	18	6	12	0	22	45	12	19	0	15	4	22	88	4	16

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Aston Villa	v.	Manchester C.
Bolton W.	v.	Derby County
Chelsea	v.	Sheffield U.
Grimsby T.	v.	Blackpool
Huddersfield	v.	Birmingham
Leicester C.	v.	Everton
Liverpool	v.	Arsenal
Middlesbro'	v.	West Brom.
Newcastle U.	v.	Sunderland
Wednesday	v.	Portsmouth
West Ham U.	v.	Blackburn R.

Second Division.

Bradford	v.	Bury
Burnley	v.	Swansea Town
Charlton A.	v.	Bristol City
Chesterfield	v.	Leeds United
Manchester U.	v.	Port Vale
Notts Forest	v.	Bradford C.
Preston N.E.	v.	Barnsley
Southampton	v.	Notts County
Stoke City	v.	Plymouth A.
Tottenham H.	v.	Millwall
Wolves	v.	Oldham A.

Third Division (South).

Bournemouth	v.	Southend
Brighton	v.	Exeter C.
Bristol R.	v.	Northampton
Clapton O.	v.	Luton T.
Crystal Pal.	v.	Fulham
Mansfield T.	v.	Brentford
Norwich C.	v.	Coventry C.
Queen's P.R.	v.	Reading
Swindon T.	v.	Gillingham
Torquay U.	v.	Cardiff City
Watford	v.	Thames

Third Division (North).

Accrington S.	v.	Gateshead
Carlisle U.	v.	Barrow
Crewe A.	v.	Hull City
Doncaster R.	v.	Chester
Rochdale	v.	Lincoln C.
Rotherham U.	v.	Halifax T.
Southport	v.	Hartlepools U.
Stockport C.	v.	Walsall
Tranmere R.	v.	Darlington
Wrexham	v.	New Brighton
York City	v.	Wigan Boro'

H.K. AREA SMALL ARMS MEETING.

Results of Wednesday's Programme.

The following were the full results of Wednesday's shooting on the Kowloon City Range in the Hong Kong Area Small Arms Meeting:—

Match No. 1 (Officers Match).

	Pts.
1. Lieutenant A. J. Stocker, 1/S.W.B.	49
2. Lieutenant A. G. D. Home, 1/S.B.W.	48
3. Subedar Lall Khan, 3/9th Jat Regt.	46
4. Lieutenant H. E. Tyer, 3/9th Jat Regt.	45

Match No. 2

(Warrant Officers & Sergeants.)

	Pts.
1. Sergeant 81 Francis 1/S.W.B.	60
2. Company Sergeant Major Lewis, 1/S.W.B.	55
3. Hab. Munshi Khan, 3/9th Jat Regt.	53
4. C.H.S. Allah Dad, 3/9th Jat Regt.	50

Match No. 3 (Corporal's Match).

	Pts.
1. Naik Mohd. Sharim, 3/9th Jat Regt. (18, 19, 10)	47
2. Naik Har. Sukh, 3/9th Jat Regt. (18, 13, 16)	47
3. L/Cpl. Barry, 1/S.W.B.	43
4. Naik Lall Khan, 3/9th Jat Regt.	42

Match No. 4 (Privates Match).

	Pts.
1. Pte. Searle, 1/S.W.B.	52
2. Pte. Evans, 1/S.W.B. (24, 8, 18)	50
3. Sepoy Mohd Khan, 3/9th Jat Regt. (22, 10, 18)	50
4. Pte. Walsh, 1/S.W.B.	47

Match No. 5 (The Corps Match).

	Pts.
1. Armr. S.M. Anderson, R.A.O.C.	49
2. L/Cpl. McDonald, 2nd Bn. A. & S.H.	45
3. Cpl. Wates, 2nd Bn. A. & S.H.	43
4. Sergt. Fryer, R.E.	42

Match No. 6.

(The Best Shot of All Ranks.)

	Pts.
1. Sergeant 81 Francis, 1/S.W.B.	60
2. Company Sergeant Major Lewis, 1/S.W.B.	55
3. Hab. Munshi Khan, 3/9th Jat Regt.	53
4. Pte. Searle, 1/S.W.B.	52
5. Pte. Evans, 1/S.W.B.	50
6. Sepoy Mohd. Khan, 3/9th Jat Regt.	50

CARNERA DEFEATS McCORKINDALE.

Points Decision at the Albert Hall.

AL FOREMAN IN TROUBLE.

London, Yesterday.

At the Albert Hall in a ten round fight, the Italian heavyweight champion, Primo Carnera gained a points decision over the South African champion, Dan McCorkindale after a fight which was full of thrills.

Al Foreman has been deprived of his lightweight title for refusing to comply with certain regulations of the Boxing Board Control. —Reuter.

BOXING MATCH FOR A GIRL.

Loser Actually Wins Contest.

Two young men fought a six-round contest at Shepherd's Bush recently for the hand of a nineteen-year-old girl who watched the fight from the ring-side.

Strange to relate, the loser of the fight actually won, for the girl availed herself of the feminine privilege of changing her mind!

The girl, Miss Matilda Lambert, had persuaded her two suitors, Phil Durley, a twenty-four-year-old and Ermie Hockaday, aged twenty-one to settle their rival claims in the boxing ring.

"I will go out with the winner," she promised. "They have been jealous naughty boys quarrelling over me and I thought this the manliest way for them to settle their argument without making scenes in the street."

A thousand spectators, many of them friends of the blushing young pugilists applauded the fight. Miss Lambert, in a red hat, which shaded an expressionless face stepped into the ring and wished them both luck and throughout the six rounds of blood and thunder not a single emotion fitted across her features.

The heavier weight of Hockaday —9 st. 4 lb. against Durley's 8 st. 12 lb.—told in the long run.

Time after time in the final round Durley was forced to the ropes but right up to the gong he boxed prettily.

When the referee announced the decision in favour of Hockaday, however, Miss Lambert forgot her studied coolness. She flushed with anger, rose from her seat, stamped her foot and said:—

"The referee's decision was all wrong and the fight should have gone to Phil Durley. Anyway, I'm going out with him because I think he is the real victor."

Thus it was that the winner of the fight, sadder and wiser for his new knowledge of the inconsistencies of the fair sex, left the hall alone and disconsolate.

PENINSULA HOTEL.

The following guests are now in residence:—

Major N. W. Adams, Mr. C. A. Armitage.

Mr. M. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bigazzi, Col. S. Boyd, Misses H. and J. Boyd, Mrs. A. F. Booth, Miss P. W. Brown, Mr. W. Brackenridge, Mr. J. W. Bundred, Capt. P. T. Burgess, Mr. O. D. Burnette.

Mr. M. O. Clark, Mrs. E. Cogan, Dr. J. E. H. Cogan, General M. A. Cohen, Mr D. Corlett, Mr. W. D. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crapnell, Miss C. M. Cutter.

Mr. and Mrs. Delcourt, Mr. H. L. Dennys, Comdr. T. E. Docksey, Mrs. G. L. Doak, Dr. E. R. Dovey, Mr. R. N. Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook, Capt. B. M. Ede, Mr. G. R. Edwards, Mrs. B. Elder, Lt. and Mrs. F. C. Eyre.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, March 19) ..... President Cleveland

Japan and Shanghai ..... Corfu

SATURDAY, APRIL 9.

Japan and Shanghai ..... Taiyo Maru

Shanghai and Swatow ..... Shantung

SUNDAY, APRIL 10.

Shanghai, Amoy and Europe via Siberia (London, March 19) ..... Tjibadak

MONDAY, APRIL 11.

Manila ..... President Hoover

OUTWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		King Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles		Corfu (Due Marseilles, May 6)	
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Parcels	Apr. 8, 4.30 p.m.	Parcels	Apr. 8, 5 p.m.
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Letters	10 a.m.	Letters	10.30 a.m.
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Sandakan		Hin Sang	9 a.m.

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COMMENCING SUNDAY AT THE KING'S

Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

While attempting to search a suspected person at Shamshuipo on the morning of April 5, an Indian Constable, was fired upon with a revolver in Boundary Street, and seriously injured.

The injured man was conscious when found, and while being removed to Hospital made a statement. He said that he saw a man crouching down at the rear of the flower garden where the attack took place. A full story of the outrage is given in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Pursuing their investigation in connection with the murder of Fung Hin, alias George Fung, at Village Road on the night of March 24, the Police, it is understood, have now rounded up four persons, alleged to have some connection with the crime. They are now in custody pending further enquiries. The case is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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One of the most interesting regattas to be held in Hong Kong for some years took place on April 2, in the nature of a triangular contest, when the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club entertained watermen from Manila and Canton at North Point.

Weather conditions were excellent for the sailing events, although it was a trifle choppy for rowing, and a good afternoon's sport was witnessed by a large crowd. The event is reported in detail in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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The Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D. D., Bishop of Victoria, who is shortly leaving for Home to take up the Canonry of Worcester Cathedral, presented his farewell sermon in St. John's Cathedral on April 3. The service was bilingual, Dean Swann conducting the ritual in English, followed by Archdeacon Mok, who spoke in Chinese. The sermon is reported in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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Mr. P. T. Farrell, who presided at the annual meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, reported a successful year. Occasion was also taken to make a presentation to Mr. G. J. Harman, Launch Inspector of the Chinese Maritime Customs, and Vice-Chairman of the Institute, who is retiring shortly. The presentation included a gift for Mrs. Harman. Both the meeting and the presentation are chronicled in the *OVERLAND CHINA MAIL*.

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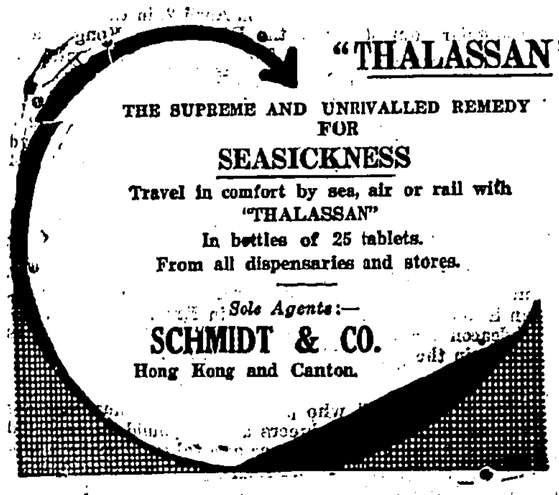

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Retrenchment Commission's Report.

The Breen Commission was appointed in July, 1930, to consider: (1) The sufficiency of the existing staff of the Government Service and its effective employment; (2) The possibility of reducing such staff by re-distribution of work or by abandonment of unnecessary work; (3) The possibility of extending the method of temporary engagement of Government officers and the terms of service; (4) The sources from which the personnel of Government offices should be supplied and the terms of service; and (5) The possibilities of economy in the general administration of the Government or in any branch of the Government Service.

After holding ninety-nine meetings and examining fifty-three witnesses, the majority of whom were members of the Government Service, the Commission submitted a report to the Government of Hong Kong in May, 1931. That report, together with Government's commentary thereon, has only just been released.

The report makes recommendations in regard to the following departments of the Government — the P.W.D., Harbour, Attorney-General's Office, the Registry, Supreme Court, Crown Solicitor, Land Office, Official Receiver, Magistracies, Medical and Sanitary Departments, Fire Brigade, District Offices, Botanical and Forestry Departments, Royal Observatory, Post Office, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Imports and Exports Department, Audit and Police Departments, Prison Department, the Colonial Secretary's Office, the Cadet Service, Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff and Junior Clerical Service, the Kowloon-Canton Railway, the Education Department, and the Treasury.

The economies recommended by the Commission total $515,878. Government, so far, sees its way to accept economies to the extent of $281,098, and in an appendix to the Commentary states:

"Whilst some of the recommendations in the Report can readily be reduced to terms of dollars and cents, many, including some of the most important and far reaching, cannot be so expressed. The Commissioners themselves refrained generally from giving monetary values to their proposals. Several of the recommendations are still under consideration, and in a few cases recommendations which had been accepted at the time the Commentary was written, have had to be reconsidered in the light of subsequent developments.

"Such figures as it has been found possible to give, on those sections of the Report on which a decision has been reached, are appended below." (We have given the totals above). "They must not be taken as a summary of the Report and Commentary."

The Prison Department gets off the lightest with the "axe." The Commission recommends economies to the extent of $32,000 of which Government sees its way to accept $27,000. Next comes the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff with economies to the extent of $46,200 —accepted $38,100. The Public Works Department is axed $58,050 —accepted $38,850. Education Department $81,625—accepted $52,105. Junior Clerical Service $139,340—accepted $10,880. The axe is wielded most heavily against the Police Department, where economies recommended amount to $158,163, as against which Government, so far, has accepted $114,663.

The report is a lengthy document, which we find impracticable to reproduce in full at one time. We shall, therefore, for the benefit of our readers, publish it in instalments, together with Government's commentary, commencing with our next issue. It is, of course, an important report which deserves to be read, marked, learned and inwardly digested. We shall defer comment until such time as we have had an opportunity of giving closer study both to the Report and Government's Commentary thereon.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

New Headmaster Appointed.

Mr. C. B. R. Sargent has been appointed Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School in succession to the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, resigned.

Mr. Sargent was a Scholar of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he took a First Class in Natural Science, and is at present Science Master at Wellington College, England. It is expected that Mr. Sargent will be arriving in Hong Kong during the early part of June.

ICE HOUSE STREET INCIDENT.

European's Blazer Torn by Vehicle.

RIKISHA QUESTION AGAIN.

The nuisance caused by private rikisha pullers in Ice House Street in the morning, when rushing to pick up their respective taipans on the arrival of every ferry at the Star Ferry wharf, was brought to light in the Central Police Court this morning, when, before Mr. Wynne-Jones, a Chinese puller was summoned by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of United Terrace, Kowloon, for dangerous driving, on March 29. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr. Andrews informed his Worship that he was walking along Ice House Street to catch the 9.05 a.m. ferry back to Kowloon, when the defendant, without paying any heed as to where he was going, ran into him. The shaft of the vehicle tore the sleeve of the sports blazer he was wearing at the time. Mr. Andrews added that the pullers were a great nuisance.

His Worship agreed, and thanked Mr. Andrews for having taken action.

Replying to his Worship, Mr. Andrews said that he had paid $17.50 for the blazer.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of $5, and ordered the defendant to pay $5 compensation to the complainant.

News in Brief.

Two cases of small-pox and one of meningitis were notified yesterday.

Lowest open air temperature yesterday was 65. Humidity at 10 a.m. was 92 and at 4 p.m. 93.

For speeding in a control area at Whitfield, Mr. C. H. Lam was fined $20. Sergeant Pennell prosecuted.

St. Johns, Newfoundland,
Yesterday.

Sir Richard Squires has announced that he has no intention of resigning.—Reuter.

The Indian constable, Jawala Singh, who was seriously wounded by revolver shots at Shamshuipo on Tuesday morning last, is said to be in an improved condition this morning, but is not yet out of danger.

The funeral of Mr. M. Manuk, whose death was reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 4 o'clock. The Dairy Farm's town office and all its depots will close to-day at 3 p.m.

The Chinese girl, Yu Yuk-ching, aged 5 years, of 1 Larch Street, Mongkok, who was removed to hospital on March 28 last, suffering from severe burns, received when her clothing accidentlly caught fire when playing near a spirit stove, died yesterday morning.

At yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, at which there was a full attendance of members, by-laws and amendments made by the Sanitary Board relating to measures taken with regard to spitting were approved. A short correcting Bill to amend the Medical Registration Ordinance was read for the first time; and the Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to opium was read a second and third time, and became law. The Legislative Council stands adjourned sine die.

Personal Pars.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel will be at Home to The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Duppuy this afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. B. Wylie left Hong Kong yesterday by the s.s. Glenluce on Home leave. During his absence, Mr. F. P. Franklin will act as General Manager of South China Morning Post Limited.

The Right Reverend C. B. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong is sailing for England on Saturday, April 9, by the P. & O. s.s. Corfu. He will leave by launch from Queen's Pier at 11 a.m.

Among the passengers who arrived here by the P. and O. liner Ranpura was Mr. Denis H. Hazell, Far Eastern director of Wm. Sykes Ltd., returning from a successful tennis tour of Malaya and Sumatra.

AN OLD FORT IN BORNEO

TRIP FROM KUDAT.

Cannons Fished Up From River.

It is of course only to be expected that North Borneo should be entirely deficient in what would be classed at home as "ancient monuments," says a writer to the North Borneo Herald, but even those relics of the unsettled times that preceded the signing of the Charter and a settled form of Government are known to but few people except by name.

The Marudu fort, the attack on which is so well described in Mr. Owen Rutter's book British North Borneo, is one of the most important of these relics, and an account of it, as seen on a recent visit, may perhaps be of interest.

Actually, to people living at Kudat, it is by no means difficult of access. About a quarter of an hour's run in a launch downstream from the Langkon Estate landing stage, a small stream runs off to the right under a tunnel of nipah foliage. Near the junction of this little stream with the main river was placed the boom mentioned by Mr. Rutter, though the remains of the fort that existed here are no longer clearly visible. The headman who was our escort told us that it was there that he found the old cannon, obviously of European origin, that is now lying at the side of the Langkon Estate office.

There are said to be two other cannons still in the river, close to the bank and the site of the fort, one big one and one large one. The natives have given them the names Si Lamat and Si Rioh, but no one has seen them for many years. As, however, the river at low tide is extremely shallow near its banks, it might be possible to recover them by dredging without much difficulty, nor would the natives, we were told, raise any objection to their removal, for they are not regarded with that superstitious veneration that is accorded to the mysterious 18th century anchor on Mengalom Island.

Mud Wall.

About five minutes paddling up the stream, passing on the way the site of the village and a second and smaller fort, brings one to a shelving mud beach, where it is possible to drag the boat up to the mangrove trees so that the passengers can land without being carried or getting unduly muddy.

At this spot begins the mud embankment, about 5 foot high, that formed the outer wall of the third fort, running at right angles to the stream for some distance and gradually curving round. The ravages of floods and crabs have played sore havoc with this wall, but it was possible to walk on it for most of the way as far as the little Mohammedan cemetery, which lies in a clearing in the mangrove less than a quarter of a mile from the landing place. We had not time to explore along the wall further than this point, but we were told that little more of it remains, so that its alleged course must be largely a matter of conjecture. The cemetery is still well looked after and is in fact still used for occasional burials. The origin of one of the headstones, which is of granite, would be interesting to discover.

In 1845.

Our guide told us that the cemetery was in existence before the time of the destruction of the fort in 1845, and pointed out one grave as that of Serip Osman's father, while the headstone of another had two round holes in it which he declared were caused by bullets during the attack on the fort. Whether they were really so caused it would need an expert to determine but their size indicated a weapon of fairly large calibre. The headman apparently did not agree with Mr. Rutter that Serip Osman's son was buried here, but he pointed out the grave of Osman's wife, who was, as Mr. Rutter tells us, reputed to have been able to walk upon the water. Her husband's fame and his piratical successes were probably the cause of these supernatural powers being ascribed to her.

Mysterious Carving.

At the head of this grave stands a very well executed piece of carving in wood, said to be about fifty years old, but perhaps older. It resembles in design one of the bench ends of the "Late Decorated" period of architecture that are occasionally met with in English parish churches. Possibly indeed it may have been copied from some bit of carving that was seized from ne of the unfortunate merchantmen which fell a prey to Serip Osman and his fe" w-pirates. It is undoubtec more European than Oriental in its conception.

Whether excavations would yield up any further relics of the occupation of the fort is doubtful. It is known that many guns were destroyed at the time it was sacked, and in any case the clearing of the undergrowth that has covered the ramparts in the course of over 70 years would be both a costly and lengthy proceeding. But for anyone who is interested in the history of North Borneo it is well worth a visit, especially as practically the whole trip from Kudat can be made by launch.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The 83rd Meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday afternoon.

Members present were:—Director of Education (Mr. G. P. de Martin, M.A.), Inspector of English Schools (Mr. A. R. Sutherland, M.A.), Inspector of Vernacular Schools (Mr. Y. P. Law, B.A.), Rev. Father Byrne, S.J., Capt. P. S. Cannon, M.A., A.E.C., Rev. F. Short, Very Rev. Dean A. D. Swann, M.A., D.S.C., and Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, O.B.E., LL.D.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, welcomed Capt. Cannon, the new Command Educational Officer, who had been appointed a member of the Board vice Captain Deakin, D.S.O., M.C.

The report of the Medical Officers for Schools for January and February, a copy of which had been sent to each member, was laid on the table.

The Chairman informed the Board that the Board's recommendation to amend Articles 45, 46 and 47 of the Grant Code had been accepted by Government. Government was also in general agreement with the Board's recommendation to substitute one School Leaving Certificate for the present Local Examinations.

The Chairman reported that no reply had been received as to the Board's recommendation for the erection of a building for the Vernacular Normal School for Women but plans had been drawn up in order to facilitate estimate of cost.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:—

"That in the opinion of the Board the Junior and Senior Local Examinations should be held at the beginning of July and if the Junior and Senior Locals are abolished then such examination as replace them."

With reference to the items of Public Works Extraordinary affecting the Education Department the Board stressed the urgency of increased accommodation for British children in Kowloon and the need of a building for the Vernacular Normal School for Women.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of April 8, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 13/16.

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Sir Paul Chater C.M.G., is to donate $50,000 to be utilised by the ex-Service men of the Colony. This announcement was made this morning by the donor of the munificent gift to a *China Mail* reporter who called on Sir Paul at his offices. Thus a considerable amount of speculation is satisfied. Yesterday during a ceremony at the Pavilion, Sir Paul asked for permission to erect a statue of His Royal Highness. The Prince gracefully declined and suggested that some good work should be done for the Colony.

NOBODY LOVES THE SAILOR

(By T.M.G.)

We are supposed to be a seafaring nation. In fact, we are the greatest seafaring nation that ever was, and it is necessary that we should retain our position. We own more tonnage than all the other nations put together or we do not; it does not really matter. And, of course, we rule the waves.

There are lots of other familiar phrases one could cite to prove that we are a dyed-in-the-wool, true-blue seafaring nation, but one would not think so judging by our newspapers. Of course, we have newspapers entirely devoted to ships and shipping, the term newspapers being taken to include weeklies and monthlies, but these are concerned entirely with the technical side of the business. Occasionally a note of romance may creep into the columns of one or the other, but even then it is generally a crocodile tear for some old sailing ship.

Now, the title of this may be a little misleading, for even in these unromantic days plenty of people (in addition to mothers and wives) still love the sailor, but it has been chosen for lack of a better one to express the opinion that so far as the general public is concerned the sailor is nothing to them. So it is with ships and the sea. Let a ship sink with all hands — that is news. Even if she sinks without loss of life it is good front page stuff.

All this, of course, is no reflection on editors of newspapers. In these days when the late edition each evening contains a front page feature with large and lavish headings announcing the discovery of another brutal murder it is not to be wondered at. The public want that kind of stuff, and the editors know it. Quite recently a passenger liner shipped a sea which, charging down the working alleyway, knocked over a number of passengers, one of whom most unfortunately died of her injuries. The local papers screamed the news; the London evening papers made quite as much of it, although (to offer a purely personal opinion) it is doubtful if their readers took much interest in it beyond the interest they take in anything that is sensational.

On reading these accounts several things occurred to me. Firstly, that to a sailor the description of the incident conveyed nothing. It was impossible to tell exactly what had happened; the words simply did not conjure up the scene. Secondly, the language and terms used were those of the veriest landlubbers. In one paper the master of the ship is quoted. All that need be said is that either his remarks were pure invention or the reporter put them into his own language. No sailor ever said what the master is alleged to have said, or if he did he used other words. According to the various papers the sea came aboard anywhere from "right over the stern" to "broadside on" — you pay your pennies and take your choice, writes T.M.G. in the Nautical Magazine.

It may be a small point in its way, but all indicates the fact that even the responsible papers — and we are concerned only with responsible papers here — evidently do not carry a man who is capable of writing up sea stuff when they get it, even prominent front page stuff. There is a man (or men) for football, Rugby, cricket, or any other sport. One man may do several lines, but he must know something about them. Wireless is the same; a so-called expert (who at least knows the terms!) advises readers on everything connected with the building and maintaining of sets. Music is handled by a special man; so is art.

Ice hockey does not seem to be either a vital matter or one of widespread interest, yet one paper at least retains an outside man, an experienced player, to write it up for them. Almost every activity has its specialist on the paper, or has its correspondent for the paper except seafaring. Nobody want to hear about sailors and ships until a disaster, great or small occurs. And when that happen, the everyday reporter, a very able man who is by no means to blame, has to make the best of it.

It is my duty as well as my misfortune, to go through about half-a-dozen morning and evening papers every day, and something over a hundred weeklies each week. In them I see regular features about everything under the sun, but never by any chance a smell of the sea. One does not expect a small country weekly, circulating in the middle of an agricultural district, to devote part of its limited space to seafaring matters. It may (as happens here and there) have a column of notes pompously headed "Our London Letter" but that is the editor's business.

Take those papers, though, which are published in towns with harbours and sea connection and you still find them silent. A column on bridge, and a section devoted to motor notes; yes, but these are syndicated, cost little, and fill up space without trouble. In addition to which they cause no comment, no raised eyebrows, even if they are ignored. Bridge is bridge, even if one does not play it; and motor cars, anyone can own a car nowadays, even if one doesn't. But seafaring notes? What a funny idea!

Leave out the smaller papers, however, and consider the national newspapers, that is the London newspapers which think they cover the whole country, and the leading provincial newspapers. Is it too much to expect them to make some little effort to give ships and sailors a show? A column once a week; half a column once a week. When they think the occasion demands it they tell us plainly enough that we are an island nation, that we live by the sea, and that our very life depends on our supremacy in that direction. Do they think these isolated outbursts do anything to drive the fact home? Their advertisement people preach that continuous appeal, even with small spaces, is what educates the public. The editorial side, knowing this quite well, might take it to heart.

On a number of occasions I have asked editors and chief reporters why they did not run a weekly feature on shipping: not new tonnage, but shipping entering and leaving the port on trading voyages. I have told them that the harbours teem with real interest stories waiting for the man with the patience to extract them and the skill to write them up. They agreed with me quite frankly, but with equal frankness said that they could not spare anybody for this. Nor, apparently, do they think it worth while to try to find an outsider (one not on their staff) to do it. In plain words, they know there are good notes and stories to be had, and the only reason why they don't go after them is that they also know the public has no interest in them.

Editors, certainly the editors of responsible papers, know their jobs and know the public taste. If they do not run notes on the British Merchant Navy it proves quite clear that such stuff is not wanted, so we come back to it that nobody loves the sailor. Which, when one thinks of it, is rather astonishing when one remembers that we are the greatest seafaring nation. But we have already gone into that.

What is to be done about it? There is the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales at the head of it. Master of the British Merchant Navy. Give the papers any of that stuff and they'll eat it up, devote space to it, and echo (with their tongues in their cheeks) what His Royal Highness has said in all sincerity. For the moment the Merchant Navy is news, but only because H.R.H. has made it so. It lasts for one day, and is forgotten until the next time. One sees lots of references to the necessity for the public to become air-minded." Is it a case of off with the old love? Or are we really air-minded in spite of the fact that ships and sailors in ordinary times — discounting disasters and speeches from the Prince of Wales — are not news? Maybe so, and perhaps the simple explanation is that newspapers, as somebody said are printed for women nowadays. But that won't do either, will it?

PLAYGROUNDS ON THE PENINSULA.

Hon. Mr. Braga's Plea for Kowloon Tong.

"WILL BE LOOKED INTO."

The Finance Committee met following the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, when the question of children's playgrounds on the Peninsula was raised, and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked for an area to be provided at Kowloon Tong.

The discussion arose out of a vote for $5,500 for the forming of a children's playground at Kowloon. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked: Is this provision in pursuance of the Government's policy for preserving open spaces in Kowloon?

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.): It was your wish that I should get a playground out of the Chater Bungalow site which really arises out of your representations that the Chatham Road playground is so unsatisfactory and unsafe. I have been to a great deal of trouble, or rather the Public Works have on my behalf, to find another site, and the Kowloon Cricket Club have given up a portion of their site.

Hon. Mr. Braga: In other words this is a very economical solution of the difficulties which presented themselves to the Government?

The Chairman: Yes.

A Plea For Kowloon Tong.

Hon. Mr. Braga: May I ask you, Sir, on behalf of Kowloon Tong residents, whether some trouble might be gone to in their interests for a similar space, to be provided for children in Kowloon Tong?

The Chairman: I thought they already had a playground there.

Hon. Mr. Braga: The intention was that the reservation designed in the first instance for the railway yard should be a children's playground but if all I hear is true that hill will be cut down and eventually will be sold out of the reserved areas. I think it is time that Government should, if it can be generous enough, consider that such a place is required for Kowloon Tong residents, more on the lines of the recreation ground that we are asking for now.

The Chairman: I will look into it, Mr. Braga.

Advisable To Look Ahead.

Hon. Mr. Braga: Unless we look ahead now, Mr. Creasy might be worried with applications for sales of desirable Crown lands and we shall be left with nothing in Kowloon Tong.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Is it the area between Kowloon Tong and the railway?

Hon. Mr. Braga: The upper area.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: You mean the higher ground on the west side of Kowloon Tong?

Hon. Mr. Braga: No, the upper area of Kowloon Tong, a little higher up than the Kowloon Tong Market, to the left of Waterloo Road as you go up.

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson: How do the areas reserved in Kowloon for playgrounds compare with those in Hong Kong anyway?

Hon. Mr. Braga: We are looking ahead. At one time Hong Kong was practically entirely given up to open spaces, but what has happened since?

The Chairman: That will be looked into, Mr. Braga.

Votes totalling $128,946, including that for the playground, were approved by the meeting.

COUPON TRADING.

Lt.-Col. Moore-Brabazon (C. Wallasey) introduced into the House of Commons on February 9, the Gift Coupons Bill, which was read a first time. The bill has as its object to make unlawful the issue and redemption of gift coupons.

Replying earlier to a question on the subject, Mr. Hore-Belisha (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade) said: I have recently received a deputation from a number of traders' organisations in support of legislation directed against this system of trading. Any action it may be found desirable for the Board of Trade to take in regard to this matter will necessarily depend upon the progress of a bill on this subject to be introduced by Lt.-Col. Moore-Brabazon.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

No Material Change in Rates.

QUIETER TONE.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: A somewhat quieter tone prevailed at this morning's session, but there was no material change in rates.

New Listing.
Benguet Exploration.
Sales.
Union Insurances, $470/475.
Providents (old), $4.95.
Hotels (Cum. Right), $13½.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.85.
Hong Kong Trams, $22.
China Lights (old), $21½.
Hong Kong Electrics, $73½/74.
Telephones (P.P.), $24½.
Cements (combined), $18½.
Dair Farms, $28.60.
Buyers.
Hong Kong Banks, $1,520.
Union Insurances, $470.
Benguets, $13 ex. Div.
Raubs, $38.
Wharves, $143.
Providents (old), $4.80.
Providents (new), $2¼.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), $13.55.
Hotels (Rights), $2.60.
Hong Kong Lands, $78.
Hong Kong Realties, $11.10.
Chinese Estates, $95.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.75.
Hong Kong Trams, $21¾.
Peak Trams (old), $15.70.
China Lights (old), $21.35.
China Lights (new), $20¾.
Hong Kong Electrics $74.
Telephones (P.P.), $24¼.
Cements, (combined), $18½.
Watsons (Rights), $3½.
Amusements, $21¼.
Constructions (new), $1.90.
Govt. Loans, 3½ per cent. Prem.
Sellers.
International Assce., Tls. 4.
Hotels (Cum. Rights), $13.60.
Malabon Sugars, $21.
S.C. Enterprises, $10.

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Latest Quotations.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Carroll Bro., we are enabled to publish the latest quotations, received by cable, of Shanghai Stocks.

	Tls. cds.
China Finance Corp.	5.75
International Investment Trust Co.	7.75
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International Assurance Co.	4.00
China Realty Co.	11.25
Shanghai Lands	24.75
New Engineering and Ship Building Works	5.75
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co.	88.00
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharves	218.00
Shanghai Electrics 'Bearer'	30.00
Ewo Cottons	14.85
Shanghai Cottons	73.00
Zoong Sing Cottons	10.00
American Asiatic Underwriters	25.00
American Oriental Finance Corp. "B"	23.00
Asia Realty 'B'	24.00

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE WITHDRAWN

Robert Yip Discharged.

Remanded from last week on a charge of alleged embezzlement of $42,900 in 1925 from Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd., formerly known as Messrs. Holyoak, Massey & Co., Ltd., where Yip was employed as compradore, Robert Yip, described as a merchant, was discharged by Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, when Mr. D. V. Steavenson, of Messrs. Deacons, for the prosecution, withdrew the charge.

At the previous hearing, it will be recalled that Mr. Steavenson stated the charge was over six years old, and arose out of the stock exchange collapse of 1925. Since then arrangements had been made to obtain payment of the money, by the sale of certain property in which Yip had a share. They hoped to have the sale complete very shortly.

He made it clear that they had no animosity against Yip, and asked that the charge be withdrawn, on the ground that it was old, and also that Mr. Mackenzie, whose affidavit led to the proceedings, was now in Shanghai, and the prosecution would have great difficulty in proving their case.

LEGAL ARGUMENT ABOUT THE WORD

"Interfere."

ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH A LAUNCH'S SAFETY VALVES.

At the Marine Court this morning, Ho Lan and Chan Kam, respectively the coxswain and engineer of the steam launch Fook Wo, were charged before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), with causing the safety valves of the launch to be under the control of the engineer by removing padlocks fitted by the Government Marine Surveyor.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for both defendants and entered pleas of "not guilty."

"Just Came Off."

Lance-Sergeant Morris, of the Water Police, stated in evidence that on April 2 he was on duty in the harbour on No. 6 Police launch, when he stopped the Fook Wo and boarded her. On examination, he found that the safety valve on the starboard side was not locked. The pin was broken and the padlock not where it should be. The broken pin was thrown aside. On the port side, the padlock was in place but not locked. The pin for controlling pressure had been removed completely. In the box was a spanner. Witness called up the engineer and questioned him as to how the pin on the starboard side had been broken and he said that it "just came off." He made no statement with regard to the port side, but placing the padlock in its place, re-locked it. Witness then examined the Marine Surveyor's certificate and found that the pressure on the valves should be 125 pounds. He next looked at the valve gauge and found that the pressure was about 120 pounds.

By Mr. Loseby: The engineer was at the aft end of the launch when witness called to him. He admitted that the valves were slightly above deck but maintained that it was part of the engine-room. The valves could be more easily approached from the upper deck. He did not know if they could be got at through the engine-room.

Mr. Loseby handed up the padlock from the port side and asked witness to lock it, and then demonstrated that it could be opened easily with a twist.

Witness commented that he did not have to twist it when he saw it on the launch as it was wide open. With regard to the broken pin from the starboard side, witness said that there was no strain that could account for it breaking off itself.

Lance-Sergeant Feely, who was also on the Police launch, gave corroborative evidence. He said that attached to the port side lock was another lock.

On the completion of evidence, the Magistrate referred to the Ordinance and stated that the charge must be amended to "interfere or cause, etc."

Mr. Loseby raised no objection and said that he would still plead "not guilty."

Meaning of "Interfere."

Proceeding to argue for the defence, Mr. Loseby said that there were two possible meanings to the word "interfere." One was to merely expose or touch the valves, and the other to interfere with the working of the valves.

His Worship said that it was obvious that the meaning of the Ordinance was that the valves must not be touched.

Mr. Loseby then argued that that could not be the meaning. He said that this particular launch travelled outside territorial waters. At Canton, say, trouble might have been experienced with the valves and some official there opened them. That would not be an offence, because it was done outside the Court's jurisdiction. Yet, upon the arrival of the launch in territorial waters, there would be an offence, when, technically, it was merely the continuation of an act committed outside. He suggested that the proper meaning of the word "interfere" was to interfere with the proper working of the safety valves, and not that they must not be touched. In any case, he argued further, his clients were not charged with interfering with the valves at all but with the padlocks.

His Worship was unable to agree, whereupon Mr. Loseby asked that an adjournment be given for fuller argument.

The Magistrate fixed 10.30 a.m. on April 19.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price.
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SPORTS NOTICES.

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THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 9th April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

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Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th April, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, April 13, to Tuesday, April 19, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

WM. POWELL, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 21st April 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February 1932 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. L. ALEXANDER,
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Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

GENERAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

R.A.O.B. CLUB.

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Agenda for the meeting is posted in the Club-Room.

W. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, April 5th, 1932.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

GENERAL MEETING OF IMPORTERS.

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Bank, on demand ... 1/2 3/8
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/2 3/4
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/3 7/8
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/4

On Paris—
On demand 585
Credits, 4 months' sight 640

On Berlin—
On demand ..... Nom.

On New York—
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Credits, 60 days' sight 24 5/8

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On demand 46 1/4

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On demand T74
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On demand 69 5/8
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Silver (per oz.) 16 13/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong ..... Nom.
Copper Cash ..... Nom.
Copper Coins ..... 1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest ..... 3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin .. 29 1/2% dis.
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Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank .....$	1620	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $23 at 1/51=$41-74 ranking $26 for 1931	Feb. 27, 32
,, (Lon. Reg.)...£	...	...	...	103			
Chartered Bank .....£	...	...	...	11 1/2	Dec.	Fin. 7/- Sub. to I/Tax a/c 1931	Pending
Mercantile Bk., AsB. £	...	...	...	19 1/2			
,, C. £	...	...	...	7 1/2	Dec.	Int. 7% a/c 1931 less I/Tax.....	Sep. 8, 31
Bank of Asia .....$	...	...	...	115	Dec.	$8 for 1931.....	Mar. 31, 32
Amer. O. Fin. Corp.M$	...	...	...	20	Dec.	.....	...
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1250	Dec.	Fin. $32 bon. $10 for 1929 Interim $12 a/c 1930	=$50 May 19, 3
Union Ins. .....$	470	...	(470/475)		Dec.	Final 16/- for 1929 Interim 24/- a/c 1930	=A$ — May 29, 31
China Underwriters...$	...	...	...	4	Dec.	None	
China Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	500	Dec.	Final $9 bonus $6 and $14 for 1929 Interim $3 a/c 1930	=$32 — May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1195	Dec.	$30 add. bonus $5 making $55 for 1930.....	Mar. 30, 32
International Assce. Tls.	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Shipping.							
Douglases .....$	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924.....	...
H. K. Steamboats ...$	...	...	...	38	Dec.	Last dividend for 1920	...
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	...	...	...	15	Dec.	12/- ex. 2/-1 on preferred for 1931 and 1925	June 12, 29
,, (Def.) ...$	...	...	...	32		Last dividend for 1925.....	
Shells Bearer .....£/-	...	...	...	6/10 1/2	Dec.	Final 1/6 Coupon No. 58 free I/Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats ...$	...	...	...	19 1/2	Dec.	50 con s for 1931.....	Mar. 30, 32
Mining.							
Benguets .....$	13	x div.	...	...	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 centavos a/c 1931	Dec. 19, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. £/-	...	...	...	25/-	June	24% free I/Tax Cpon 20 for year 30-6-31	Dec. — 31
Langkats (Single) ...Tls.	...	...	...	1	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	May 3, 30
S'hai Exploration...Tls.	...	...	...	2.10	Dec.	None	
,, Loans .....Tls.	...	...	...	2	Dec.	Final T. 0.35 making T. 0.50 for 1930.....	Feb. 6, 31
Raubs .....$	38	...	...	...	Mar.	3rd Int. 2/- a/c year 31-3-32.....	Mar. 15, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields $	...	...	...	2	...	.....	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves..$	148	...	...	...	Dec.	$3 for 1931.....	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks...$	...	...	...	20	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924.....	...
South Ch. Motors (A) $	...	...	...	10	...	.....	...
,, ("B")$	...	...	...	12	...	.....	...
China Provident (old) $	1.80	...	4.95	...	Dec.	10 cents on old 8 cents on new for 1931 ...	Mar. 24, 32
,, (new) $	2 1/2	...	...	...			
Hongkews .....Tls.	...	...	...	200	Dec.	Interim T. 3 a/c 1931	Oct. 2, 31
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	...	...	...	5 1/2	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931.....	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks .Tls.	...	...	...	38	Apr	T. 6 for year 30-4-31	July 29, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)$	18.55	18.60	19 1/2	...			
,, (Rights)$	1.60	...	...	...	Dec.	6 cts. (old) 7 cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32
H.K. Lands .....$	78	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $2 making $4 for 1931 ...	Feb. 16, 32
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	...	...	...	15	Dec.	Final T/- 0.50 bonus T/- 0.50 and T/- 0.75 for 1931.....	Pending
Humphreys .....$	...	...	...	10	...	$1.50 on old 30 cents on new for 1931.....	Feb. 29, 32
Metropolitan Lands Tls.	...	...	...	18	Dec.	.....	...
H. K. Realties .....$	11.10	...	...	...	Dec.	Fin. 35 cts. mak. 65 cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Asia Realties "A" ...M$	...	...	...	150			
,, "B" ...M$	...	...	...	30	Dec.	.....	...
Chinese Estates .....$	95	...	...	...	Feb.	Interim $2 a/c year 29-2-32.....	Jan. 30, 32
Benguet Exploratiins ..$	...	...	...	28	...	.....	...
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons .....Tls	14 1/2	...	14.85	...	Dec.	T. 1.80 for 1931	Pending
Shanghai Cotton...Tls.	...	...	...	75	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 31-10-31 ...	Dec. — 31
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	11 1/2	June	T. 0-80 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways ...$	21 1/2	...	22	...	Dec.	Final 60 cts. making $1 for 1931	Feb. 17, 32
Peak Trams (old) ...$	15.70	...	...	...	Apr.	(90 cts. on old) for year (60 cts on new) 30-4-31.....	June 15, 31
,, (new) ...$	...	...	...	8			
Star Ferries .....$	...	...	...	91 1/2	Dec.	$5 for 1931.....	Feb. 11, 32
Yaumati Ferries .....$	...	...	...	37	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	June 13, 31
China Light (old) ...$	21.35	...	21 1/2	...	Sept.	50 cts. for year 30-9-31.....	Dec. 31, 31
,, (new) ...$	20 1/2	...	...	...			
H. K. Electric .....$	74	...	(78 1/2)	40...	Dec.	$2.50 for 1931	Mar. 28, 32
Macao ,, ...$	...	...	...	24 1/2	Dec.	.....	...
Sandakan Lights ....$	...	...	...	12	June	None	
H.K. Tels. fully paid $	...	...	...	41			
,, part paid $	24 1/2	...	24 1/2	...	Dec.	Final 6% making 10% for 1931	Mar. 9, 32
China Buses .....Tls.	...	...	...	15	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929.....	Feb. 25, 30
S'poreTractions(Ord.)$/-	...	...	...	3/-			
,, (Pref.)$/-	...	...	...	14/-	Sept.	1/4 1/2 on preference shares Subject to income tax.....	Feb. 6, 31
Industrials.							
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	21	...	...	Dec.	Ps. 4.50 for 1930.....	Mar. 4, 31
Cald: Macg. Ord....Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec.	T. 1 T. 0.80 for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
,, Pref....Tls.	...	...	...	10 1/2			
Canton Ices .....$	...	...	...	5 1/2	July	20 cents for year 31-7-31	Oct. 9, 31
Cements (com.) .....$	18 1/2	...	18 1/2	...			
,, (old) .....$	...	...	...	22 55	Dec.	(45 cents on old) (15 cents on new) for 1931	Mar. 27, 32
,, (new) .....$	...	...	...	6.45			
H. K. Ropes .....$	...	...	x. div	15 1/2	Dec.	25 cts. bonus 15 cts. mk. $1 for 1931	Pending
China Agriculture.....$	...	...	...	10 1/2	...	.....	...
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farm .....$	...	...	28.50	...	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons .....$	...	...	...	15	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-30.....	Mar. 16, 31
,, (Rights) $	3 1/2	...	...	...			
Der A Wings .....$	...	...	...	1	...	.....	...
Lane Crawfords (old)...$	...	...	...	5 1/2	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-28	...
,, (new)$	...	...	...	5 1/2			
Mackintoshs .....$	...	...	...	19	Feb.	$2 for year 28-2-31	Apr. 30, 32
Sinceres .....$	...	...	...	15 1/2	...	.....	...
Wm. Powells .....$	...	...	...	3.65	Feb.	20 cents for year 28-2-31.....	June 17, 32
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusements ...$	21 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-8-31	Sept. 16, 31
Ch. Entertainment ..$	...	...	...	14.90	...	60 cents for 1932.....	Mar. 22, 32
S. C. Enterprises ...$	...	10	...	...	...	.....	...
United Theatres ....Tls.	...	...	...	5	...	.....	...
Macao "Greyhounds" $	...	...	...	10	...	.....	...
Constructions (Old) ...$	...	...	...	5 1/2			
,, (New) ...$	1.90	...	...	...	Dec.	(40 cents on old) (14 cents on new) for 1931.....	Apr. 5, 32
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds ...$	...	...	...	58%	...	.....	...
H.K. Govt. Loans ....$	3 1/2%	Pres.	...	...	...	Interest half yearly.....	...

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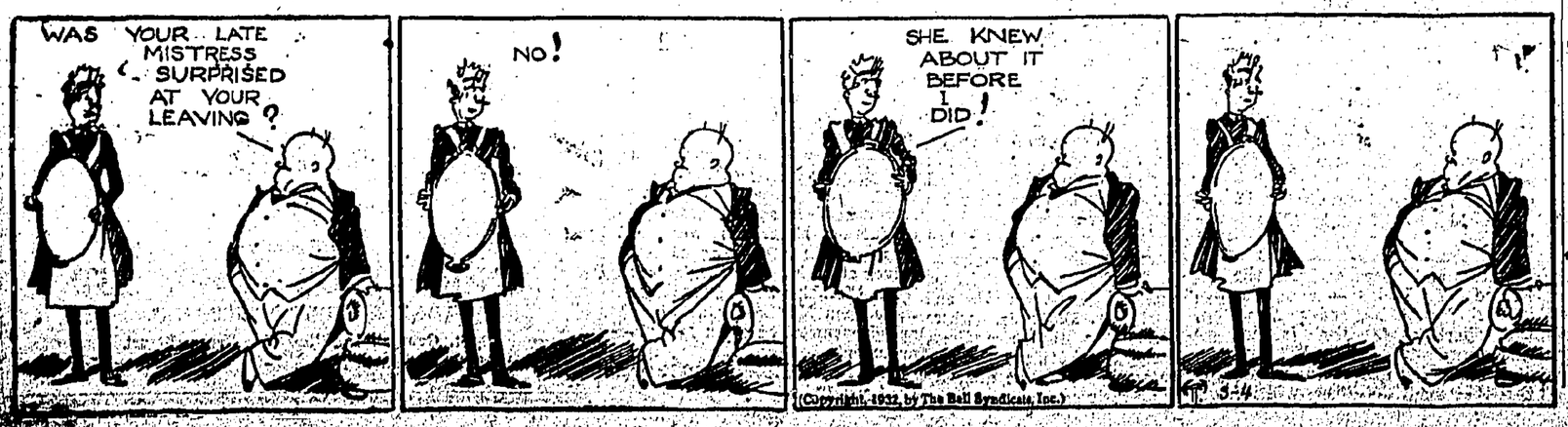
By J. MILLAR WATT.



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Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris	95 7/8
New York	3.78
Montreal	4.18
Brussels	27
Geneva	19 7/16
Amsterdam	9.34 1/2
Milan	78 3/4
Berlin	15.95
Stockholm	13.90
Copenhagen	18 5/16
Oslo	19 3/16
Vienna	32 nom.
Prague	125
Helsingfors	215
Madrid	50
Lisbon	110
Athens	300
Bucharest	637 1/2
Rio	4 1/16
Buenos Aires	36 3/4
Montevideo	29 nom.
Bombay	1/6 3/32
Shanghai	1/3 7/16
Hong Kong	1/3 1/16
Yokohama	1/9 1/8
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MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney	Melbourne Maru	Wed.,	6th May
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Honolulu Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
	Sumatra Maru	Thurs.,	21st Apr.
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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwansai Maru	Sat.,	23rd Apr.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo .	Borneo Maru	Tues.,	19th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havana Maru	Wed.,	20th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.,	17th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung	Panama Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Noon)	Deli Maru	Thurs.,	21st Apr.

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Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong.	Arrives Wuchow.	Leaves Wuchow.	Arrives Hong Kong.
TAI HING	FRI. 8th	SUN. 10th	MON. 11th	TUES. 12th
TAI MING	SUN. 10th	TUES. 12th	WED. 13th	THURS. 14th
TAI HING	WED. 13th	FRI. 15th	SAT. 16th	SUN. 17th
TAI MING	FRI. 15th	SUN. 17th	MON. 18th	TUES. 19th
TAI HING	MON. 18th	WED. 20th	THURS. 21st	FRI. 22nd
TAI MING	WED. 20th	FRI. 22nd	SAT. 23rd	SUN. 24th
TAI HING	SAT. 23rd	MON. 25th	TUES. 26th	WED. 27th
TAI MING	MON. 25th	WED. 27th	THURS. 28th	FRI. 29th
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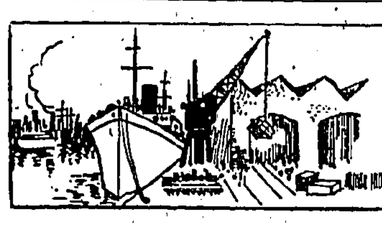
Cumberland—North arm.
Devonshire—No. 6 buoy.
Folkestone—East wall.
Hermes—West wall.
Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Orpheus—East wall.
Seamew—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—In dock.
Veteran—No. 4 buoy.
Whitehall—In dock.
Whitshed—No. 4 buoy.
Wren—North wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French river gunboat.
Helena—American gunboat.
Marne—French dispatch vessel.
Mindanao—American river gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.
Pecos—American fuel ship.



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ACROSS THE BROAD ATLANTIC

SMALL CRAFT IN RACE TO BRITAIN.

It has been said that "A man who goes to sea for pleasure would cross the Styx to the nether place for a pastime." There have been more times than one when I have thought this only too true; yet the sea is an ever enticing mistress and I felt as a dog with ten thousand tails on receiving an invitation to pilot the American schooner Amberjack II in the 1931 race from Newport (Rhode Island) to Plymouth, England, writes Douglas Dixon (Lieut.-Commander R.N.) in the Nautical Magazine. One is tempted to digress over one's own and others' previous passages by way of comparison, but I would endeavour to resist temptation.

Many small yachts have crossed the Atlantic in both directions, but there have only been six races which, except for the last two, were sailed by vessels over 200 tons. The 1931 year's limit of entry was from 45 ft. to 70 ft. overall length. Amberjack was on the lower limit with a waterline under 35 feet, and Thames tonnage about 23. Nina, Pinta, Mohawk, and Rofa, who sailed from Santander in 1928, were of similar size. There have been sufficient casualties to justify the statement that there is some risk, but it is slight if the ship be well found and reasonably handled, so the prophecy of the kill joys, "That of the ten of us to start from Brenton's Reef lightship on July 4, 1931, at least two would fall by the wayside and never see home no more!" did not cause any particular loss of sleep.

Rofa was dismasted in 1928 and her crew picked up by a British tanker, but that had not stopped her owner from entering Lismore though he has yet to get a change of luck. About mid-Atlantic a squall carried away the best part of a third of her mainmast, yet under jury rig she managed to make Plymouth within two days of the fleet.

Ten starters did I say? Actually there were eleven to cross the line and one simply must mention the last and least in the size though certainly not in seamanship. This was Atho, a little sloop of under 30 feet, ineligible of course as a racer entry, which was brought across by her owner, an Esthonian and a young English mate. We saw them sailing about Newport some days before the start, and I heard a tale from them later in Torquay which held plenty of thrill hidden in their modesty.

In May I started for Boston in the White Star motor vessel Britannic, made the usual call at Cobh, and ran down the Irish coast past Kinsale and the Fastnet against a fairly stiff sou'wester, which lifted her great bulk appreciably and gave a hint of the really heavy dusting we were booked for when racing round the Fastnet Rock once the bigger race had been accomplished.

Anchored in Boston harbour to await pratique, my early rising cabin mate woke me at a rude hour of the morning with news that a little yacht was alongside and shouting for me. Amberjack had sailed down from Marblehead to meet the ship, a very gracious action which I much appreciated, but by contrast with Britannic she looked uncompromisingly small. Of course I had to wait to dock before I could join her, and then experienced true "Yankee hustle." From 8.30 a.m. to noon we hung about the immigration offices before being passed as free from any form of turpitude and I was at last able to join the yacht, sail away from "tea party wharf" and admire the view.

Except for a very brief visit to New York, the next six weeks were fully occupied in getting to know the ship, trying sails, and generally endeavouring to fit two quarts into a pint pot. No amount of experience will ever ease that feeling of complete hopeless helplessness which overpowers one when first viewing stores for a long trip piled on the deck of a small ship. At last she was ready and with a clean and freshly painted bottom lay at moorings off the Ida Lewis Yacht Club in Newport. Ida Lewis is the American Grace Darling and used to be the keeper of the light on which rock now stands the clubhouse bearing her name.

The race organisers showed great understanding in arranging the farewell dinner two nights before the start so that there was no legitimate excuse for fatheads at the starting line. This function was held in the Viking Hotel, presided over by the Mayor, and (I don't think I'm giving any one away), His Worship and fellow burgesses provided all the necessary malt, vinous, and spirituous liquor, to satisfy a battalion of Bacchuses, or is it Bacchii?

I must cut out all manner of interesting things and get on with the race. We all had to tow out to the start in a flat calm and unpleasant mist. The sea round the lightship was cluttered up with as many and varied craft as had collected the year before for Sir Thomas Lipton's last attempt on the America's Cup, the bleating of the foghorn, and general pandemonium was more than trying, and we were all thankful when the last of the well-wishers dropped astern and we had really started.

About 3 miles out we had a luffing match with the Sapper's yacht from Chatham, but soon tired of that with 3,000 miles before us, when the Royal Engineers hailed to say they had just broken their "bond" and would we like a bottle of "real Scotch?"

This was hauled aboard and claimed the attention of all hands, so that it was a few minutes before anyone really appreciated the close proximity of a Revenue cutter which was cheering us both lustily! During the night we had another encounter when Ilex derisively hailed to ask if we'd given up and were going back. We'd lost all steerage way in a dead flat and were heading West.

The next six days were exasperating. Close-hauled all the time against light easterly and south-easterly winds which kept driving us ever northwards away from the strength of the Gulf Stream, though, as Dorade the winner proved, we would actually have done better to have ignored the current and gone even further North despite the high percentage of fog off Newfoundland.

The second day out we lost sight of all competitors and never saw any again until Plymouth, except for a brief glimpse of a cutter when some 60 miles from Scilly. She proved to have been Maitenes II, who won the "Pinta" prize for the best twenty-four run with a distance made good of 230 miles. She also got the booby of the worst day too, only 7 miles.

By the eighth day, July 11, our ship's company of seven—we had a cook and the rest of us worked in three watches—was resigned to the light weather and making a pretty good best of it. The temperature in the shade was 112 deg. F., the sea 78 deg. F., the world was entirely our own, for we could not see so much as the smoke of a steamer, bathes overside were delightful, and it was all but impossible to remember that the wind could over blow, while we had to continually remind ourselves that we were racing and that the winner would be the yacht that got the most out of every little puff.

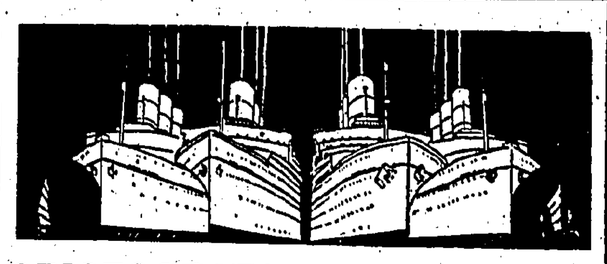
Until the 14th we dodged along the edge of the Gulf Stream with never a dull moment. Portuguese men-of-war—they look like a baby's feeding bottle floating on the surface—we passed in fleets, sharks, a whale or two, and innumerable schools of porpoise, made up our world, with the addition of a Mother Carey's chicken which flew on board exhausted. A diet of sardines and condensed milk agreed with it so well that after a stay of two days it left us without a "thank you" and the cage we had been making is still without a tenant!

(Continued on Page 10.)

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlawers from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London and Straits left Penang for this port on April 6, and is due to arrive here on April 18.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Yokohama yesterday, and left last night for Hong Kong at which port she will arrive at 2 p.m. on April 14. She leaves for Manila at midnight on that date.



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Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25		July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4		July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23		Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1		Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 16
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29		Aug. 31	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 13
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17		Sept. 26
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	—	Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11
Emp. of Russia	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 15		Oct. 24
Emp. of Japan	Oct. 21	Oct. 24		Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 8
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12		Nov. 21
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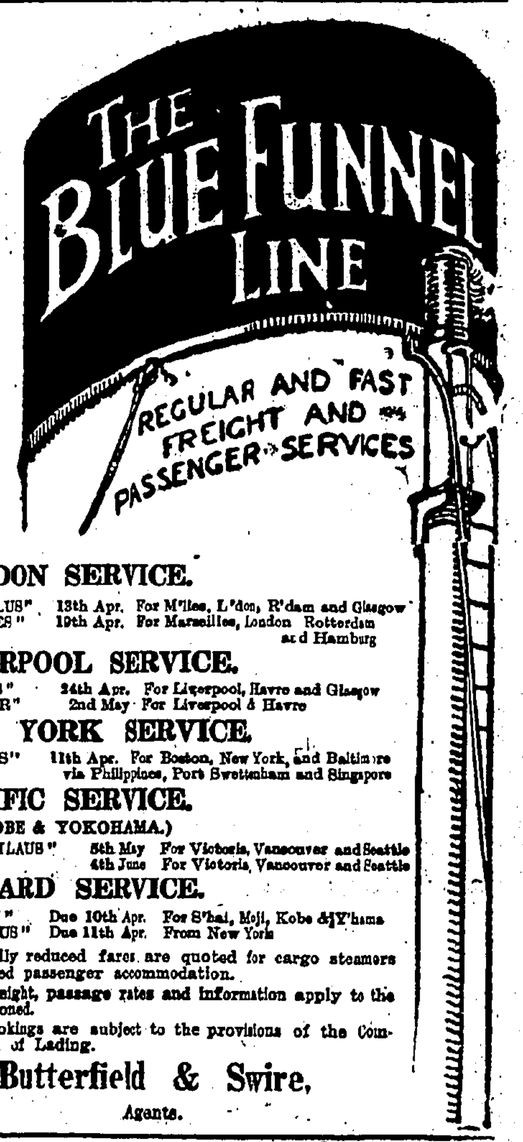

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ACROSS THE BROAD ATLANTIC

(*Continued from Page 9.*)

July 15 brought strengthening wind and our first link with outside things. The Hamburg liner s.s. St. Louis spoke us at noon, and later in the evening we sailed alongside, for over an hour, a tanker bound from Galveston to Bremen, both doing about 8 knots. Her skipper was a great fellow and took wireless letters for America and England. On the 20th Hamburg overtook us with news that she had passed Lismore some three hours before, but did not say anything about an accident. This information naturally made us feel unquestionably cocky, for we were the smallest entry and had an allowance of 75 hours from this big fellow. Our conceit crumbled horribly when we passed the Majestic three days later.

By the 23rd it was blowing hard and occasional seas broke aboard, though with a space of 150 feet or more between the crests the motion was not uncomfortable. Certainly the Majestic looked much more knocked about than we felt as she punched her way westward with the seas streaming over her bows.

As she came abeam her semaphore spelt out the message—Dorade arrived Plymouth 21st. We found it hard to believe and very mortifying, but the weather gave no opportunity to brood for long, and an almost continuously overcast sky made sights impossible so that our landfall became one great uncertainty. However, stars gleamed wetly for an hour on Friday night, and we picked up the Wolf lighthouse fair the following evening.

Lloyd's signal station at Beast Point by the Lizard took away most of the satisfaction we felt over making land, by flashing the information that all the fleet had passed except ourselves and Lismore. Feeling like the old whaler who spent two years at sea and never caught a whale, we made Plymouth early on Sunday morning ready to make some such reply as this.

"We ain't got no oil but we've had a darn fine sail!" when welcomed.

Anchored under Drake's Island, Landfall hailed us with congratulations and shouts of "You're second." We thought that this leg-pulling was a little overdone, but soon learnt that it was no hoax, and though not second we had only missed that place to the cutter Skal by one hour and one minute.

The times of finishing corrected for handicap brought Dorade to July 19, and, except for Lismore, all the other eight of us to within twenty-four hours of one another on the 23rd: a wonderful result of time allowance and a pretty problem for mathematicians to ponder as to probability.

The log is of interest but does not make very lively reading. The most outstanding recollections of the passage in my own mind are the continuous variety and interest with never a moment's boredom; and the several days we spent between the longitude of Sable and Cape Race when the breeze seemed to lie at least 10 feet from sea level and we made good steerage way in an apparent flat calm with visibility ranging from half a cable to half a mile.

(*Continued at foot of next column.*)

We were continuously wet for the last four days, and the lighting battery being below the cockpit kept the baling hand well polarised. Short wave wireless proved entirely useless, but we picked up the B.B.C. some 500 miles out which proved the rate and incidentally came as a cleansing breath of speech to my ears.

Dorade's passage of sixteen days is certainly attributable to her crew but also to her course. She passed inside Sable, reported sighting bottom twice off Cape Race, never reefed and carried a spinnaker for nine days solid. Skal took the next most northern course, and only eight sights in twenty-one days. July was generally gentle but all against the weather charts.

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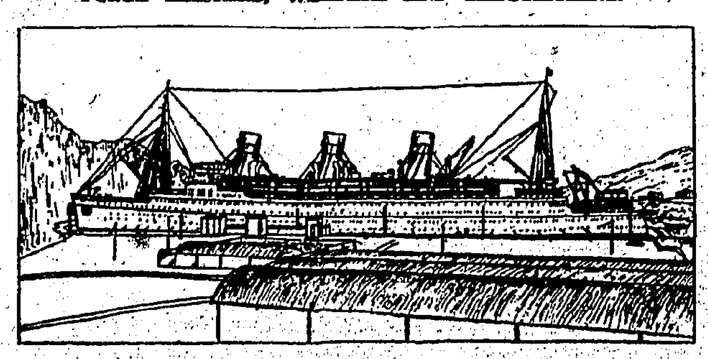

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"Get - Rich - Quick - Wallingford," with William Haines. I have always been a staunch admirer of this actor, and if he began to slip in pictures, it was the fault of the sameness of his stories. See him now, and you will not wonder why M.G.M. renewed his starring contract. It is gay, amusing, and one can't help liking the three scoundrels, whose crookedness is so clever and accomplished with such good humour that it is not hard to believe they have hearts of gold. The simple plot is developed with the most amazing twists, and a lot of humour is thrown in. Haines is lucky to have the support of Jimmy Durante, only seen before in one small part at the Central in "Road-house Nights." But in this we see the idol of the Broadway Night Clubs who has furnished a different kind of humour for many years past in these particular resorts. You can't make him anything but the irresistible Jimmy, common, rough, with an accent that may be a little difficult to understand. But with Ernest Torrence and Haines let me assure you of a most enjoyable evening. Leila Hyams is charming and Guy Kibbee as the 'Tec, good. I remember seeing Hale Hamilton play the original Wallingford many many years ago. He now plays the Bank Manager capably. All the cast are just natural types one meets daily in these small towns in the States. The play is human, sincere and enjoyable. (Queen's).

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"Behind Office Doors," with lovely Mary Astor and the late Robert Ames is an interesting play. They are supported by two attractive women Catherine Dale-Owen and Edna Murphy also Ricardo Cortez.

I have just seen a most delightful play—"Behind Office Doors." It is a play after my own heart. It is perfectly acted. Don't miss it. (Queen's).

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"Flying High" is M.G.M.'s answer to the world that Musicals were wanted. It is from the New York stage with the original comedian Bert Lahr. Katherine Crawford sings two catchy numbers. Pat O'Brien is a likeable chap who saunters amiably through, and with Katherine gives us the charming love scenes. Charlotte Greenwood helps Lahr in the comedy. All perfectly produced, and the girls are of the loveliest. (Queen's).

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"Corsair" is old fashioned villainy run wild. In it appear Chester Morris and, a blonde (whom we know and like) with Charlie Chase now masquerading under the name of Alison Lloyd. Fred Kohler is the usual "heavy," and Frank McHugh leads a bunch of comic drunks. Some beautiful photography. (Central).

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"Billy the Kid." In this film John Mack Brown does fairly good work as the famous outlaw, with Wallace Beery and Kay Johnson in the cast. Also "Lady's Morals" in which a lovely opera star, Grace Moore, appears in a supposed life story of Jenny Lind, with Reginald Denny. Music is above the average. It is followed by the British film, "The Sleeping Cardinal," an episode in the adventurous life of Sherlock Holmes, with Arthur Wontner the only one in the cast who means a thing. (Star).

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"The Man I Killed" is one of the better pictures. It is definitely of the type to which the critics hand Four Stars, which means perfection. Lubitsch, who has steered clear of sentimentalities, tells the simple tale in a poignant, touching, memorable manner, and to him and Lionel Barrymore go full marks. Phillips and Nancy Carroll do their best and are unquestionably grand. But it is the direction, the story and the acting of Barrymore which makes this picture outstanding. I hardly know what adjectives to use to show how magnificent it is. Due shortly at the King's.

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"Sunshine Susie" is streets ahead of the average British films. Seems a pity that the girl we have all liked more than any other we have seen in the home products, should be German, but she is sweet, not too stagey, and an acquisition to British films. Jack Hulbert is a "natural," never forced in his humour, but certainly amusing. Owen Nares and Morris Harvey with the rest of the cast, and the quite clever direction by Victor Savile bring progress in leaps and bounds, and I look forward to big things later on.

"I read that "Service for Ladies" is packing the London Paramount Theatre, and owing to its success augurs well for the future. A leaf out of Hollywood's formula. American money. (Paramount). Austrian Director, who learnt many lessons in the States. (Alexander Korda) Hungarian playwright, (Vajda). Walter Morosco (American) supervising. And British talent, Leslie Howard, who is now a film idol, plays the lead. George Grossmith also trained for screen technique in Hollywood with Elizabeth Allan giving her best effort to date. Yes, the future looks a rosy one, if we will only give the chances to real screen material, and not only famous stage stars who are among the "has-beens." "Sunshine Susie" must be revived. We all liked it. (King's).

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"Beau Ideal" with the surviving member of the famous Geste Brothers. Herbert Brenon again directs. John Geste serving a ten-year sentence in the Foreign Legion penal colony is helped by an American. Otto Madison, Ralph Forbes and Lester Vail act their parts well. Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Don Alvarado, with the usual big cast required for scenes in the life of the Foreign Legion, not forgetting, sand, desert, mutinies, fights, Arab outlaws—all helping to give a really thrilling evening. For those who have sentimental memories of the picture that won world-wide admiration—"Beau Geste"—I most certainly advise seeing the continuation. (Queen's).

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"Screen Souvenirs" are almost stealing the shows when they are shown at the King's. Could you imagine that we were once thrilled by Lillian Gish and the Biograph "drammers." Will the day come, twenty years from now, when we shall laugh at our present successes, which we consider have about reached the perfection mark? I wonder!

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"To-night or Never" is another triumph for the star, Gloria Swanson. This was the last stage play produced by David Belasco, and Melvyn Douglas. The hero comes from the original cast. The heroine is an opera singer, who feels that there is something lacking in her voice, because she has not truly loved. She seeks the apartment of a strange man, whom she believes to be a gigolo. You know quite well what will happen. There is no suspense, and it is not exciting. But it IS risque, amusing, and, glamorous with its Continental background. After all, it turns out to be highly respectable, as the hero is an impresario looking for talent, and they fall in love and marry. We presume the lady will now sing better than ever. Gloria gives us all the whims, caprices, and a show of that bad temper we are led by stage and screen to expect from temperamental stars. She wears magnificent gowns, and I, for one, ask nothing more but to see and hear the actress I will always consider "The First Lady" of the Screen. (Central).

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When Greta Garbo and Clark Gable meet in "Susan Lenox, her Fall and Rise," believe me fire meets fire and the sparks fly. But, they both give perfect performances. The two "G" make the ideal couple. Garbo is unique, extraordinary and an incomparable personality. The story was one of the best-sellers a few years back. Gable is the biggest success since Valentino. In this shortly to be seen production we have a combination that makes this picture a riot wherever it is being shown. In London they call it "The Rise of Helga," but what's in a name? It is Garbo, it is Graham Phillip's story, and Clark Gable. Miss it?—NOT on your life! (Queen's).

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Constance Bennett in "The Common Law." Robert Williams in a small part, making us remember him, and regretting the sad fact of his early death. Joel McCrea a wooden hero. Constance at her loveliest. (Central).

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An old time Western, and I like them, especially when we have Dick Arlen, Mitzi Green and Eugene Pallette, and the prettiest new girl Rosita Moreno. "The Trail to Santa Fe," lovely scenery and quite exciting. (King's).

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Bed room scenes, lots of excitement, a fine cast, which includes Billie Dove and Chester Morris, make "Cock of the Air" good entertainment. United Artists have spared no expense and you get your money's worth. (Central.)

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Film Flickers.

Sari Maritza, who is the latest beauty exploited by Paramount, is really Patricia Detering-Nathan, born in China, English father and Austrian mother. We liked her work in "Greek Street," and with Hollywood grooming and tuition she should do big things. The girl is clever and pretty.

Judith Wood just getting the breaks in the films, has been badly injured in an automobile accident.

Tom Mix is well enough now to get back to Universal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wilson, are still honeymooning. Elsie Janis was, without doubt, the cleverest artist of the modern day. I will never forget her work.

Ina Claire is in London looking for some new plays.

Garry Cooper has made a tremendous hit socially in London. Now he is hunting big game in East Africa.

Ringling Brother's Circus offered Rex Bell and his wife (Clara Bow) $8,000 a week, but they have offers for vaudeville for $20,000. Believe it or not!

Wallace Beery has a new passenger plane. It seats six persons, and the Bannisters—(Anne Harding and husband) also own a most luxurious one. And all possess pilot's licences.

After many years happiness Zasu Pitts has at last to divorce Tom Gallery.

Bert Lytell, once husband of Claire Windsor, has married the famous actress Helen Mencken.

Garbo and Novarro have not decided whether to fall in love or only go on admiring each other's artistic abilities.

Frances Marion and ex-husband George Hill remain firm friends.

WATER RETURN.

All Reservoirs But One Below Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on March 1, 1932, were as under:—

City and Hill District:

	1931	1932
Tytam	24'11"B	15' 8"B
Tytam Byewash	28' 2"B	24'11"B
Tytam Intermediate	36' 3"B	37' 8"B
Tytam Tuk	32' 1"B	33' 8"B
Wong Nei Chung	24' 6"B	21' 7"B
Pokfulum	21' 0"B	19' 4"B
Aberdeen Upper	—	27' 5"B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Tytam	205.31	265.04
Tytam Byewash	—	.73
Tytam Intermediate	49.47	46.10
Tytam Tuk	754.58	727.68
Wong Nei Chung	6.93	8.81
Pokfulum	22.50	25.66
Aberdeen Upper	—	66.20
Aberdeen Lower	—	—
Total	1,038.79	1,140.22

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	201.34	238.09*
Estimated population	456,620	382,250
Consumption per head per day	15.9	21.5

* Includes 1.56 million gallons from Mainland.

February, 1931.—From February 1 to 28 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (15th-17th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

February, 1932.—From February 1 to 29 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (4th-6th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

Kowloon.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	14' 0"B	14' 4"B
Kowloon Byewash	—	50' 4"B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	5' 7"B	11' 1"B
Shing Mun Reception	11' 8"B	L.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	222.60	219.96
Kowloon Byewash	9.40	38.33
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	94.50	75.32
Shing Mun Reception	6.22	33.15
Total	332.72	366.76

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	117.54	131.47
Estimated population	179,140	296,500
Consumption per head per day	23.4	15.3

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from January 1 to February 28, 1931, .37; from January 1 to February 29, 1932, 2.35.

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Butcher Meat.

			Mar. 31, 1932. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛腰桂	lb.	34	24	12
" Prime Cut		"	30	23	11
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	40	23	12
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	34	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	"	32	20	18
" Soup	湯肉	"	28	20	18
" Steak	牛柳	"	34	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛柳腰桂	"	46	30	35
" Sausages	牛腸	"	36	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	80	50	60
" Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	"	1.00	60	—
" Head	牛頭	"	1.60	—	$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛肺	"	—	20	18
" Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腰	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	"	27	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	26	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔腦腳	set	$1.50	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	60	26	—
" Leg	羊腿	"	60	26	—
" Shoulder	羊手	"	60	24	—
" Saddle	羊鞍肉	"	60	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	"	30	27	—
" Brains	豬腦	Per set	4	—	—
" Feet	豬腳什碎	lb.	16	15	—
" Fry	豬什碎	"	30	15	18
" Head	豬頭	"	20	20	—
" Heart	豬心	each	18	10	10
" Kidneys	豬腰	"	15	10	8
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	58	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	"	38	25	23
" Leg	豬腿	"	40	—	—
" Loin	豬腰	"	44	60	70
" Fat or Lard	豬油	"	25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	90	60	70
" Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
" Kidneys	羊腰	"	15	12	10
" Liver	羊肝	"	45	30	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛羊仔油	"	34	20	18
" Mutton	羊油	"	55	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	"	45	20	20
" Sausages	牛仔腸	"	28	—	—
" " No. 1		"	38	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	52	16	24
Bream	鯛魚	"	32	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	廣東淡水魚	"	32	—	—
Carp	鯉魚	"	34	18	16
Catfish	鮠魚	"	32	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	"	30	12	9
Crabs	蟹	"	58	16	24
Cuttle Fish	魷魚	"	22	23	26
Dab		"	26	16	27
Dace	鯇魚肚	"	43	23	16
Dog Fish	鯊魚	"	20	10	—
Eels, Conger	鰻魚	"	68	10*	8
" Fresh Water	淡水	"	76	16	—
" Yellow	黃鱔	"	52	10	8
Frogs	田雞	"	1.00	26	30
Garoupa	石斑	"	90	32	25
Gudgeon	鯽魚	"	22	40	30
Herrings	白鮫	"	26	22	18
Halibut	甲魚	"	36	13	23
Labrus		"	35	18	15
Loach		"	36	22	13
Lobsters	龍蝦	"	60	62	24
Mackerel	鯖魚	"	44	32	21
Monk Fish	老鼠魚	"	46	20	20
Mullet	烏魚	"	36	13	2
Oysters	蠔	"	45	12	2
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	"	26	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	"	26	30	15
Pike	花鯇	"	42	16	9
Plaice	比目魚	"	50	36	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	"	62	33	30
Pomfret, Black	鯧魚	"	48	36	45
Prawns	蝦	"	38	10	14
Ray	魟魚	"	24	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑	"	26	13	13
Roach	鯽魚	"	33	22	10
Salmon		"	64	36	30
Shark	沙魚	"	20	8	10
Skate		"	20	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	"	68	33	30
Snapper	立魚	"	46	33	30
Soles	龍利魚	"	50	22	28
Tench	丈魚	"	42	20	58
Turbot	左口魚	"	40	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	龜	"	1.55	12	12

Poultry.

Chicken	雞	lb.	62	30	31
Capons, Small	閹雞細	"	62	28	30
Capons, Large	肥閹雞	"	64	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	45	22	21
Doves	豉鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	"	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	72	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	"	58	35	24
Geese	鵝	"	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	50	30	—
" Hollow	口鴿	"	44	29	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	70	61	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	2.50	—	—
Quail	鶉	each	50	—	—
Partridges	鷓鴣	"	1.20	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	24	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	廣山香蕉	"	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	"	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	"	28	—	—
Oranges	橙	"	22	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	30	—	—
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	"	—	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	30	—	16
Grapes	香提子	"	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鳥之竹	each	18	—	2
Beans, Sprout	芽豆菜	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	豆角	"	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅菜頭	"	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	8	5	8
" Red	紅瓜	"	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	菜	"	10	—	—
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	"	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蔗	"	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	25	—	—
" (Medium)	中椰菜花	"	20	—	—
" (Small)	細椰菜花	"	16	6	6
Carrots	金參	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	"	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	"	18	25	8
" Red	紅辣椒	"	60	10	10
" Green	青花辣椒	"	30	8*	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	"	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	—	2	—
Garlic	蒜	"	6	6	—
Ginger, Young	子薑	"	10	7	—
" Old	老薑	"	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		"	60	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	each	8	45	—
Lettuce	生菜	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	"	12	—	8
" Mandarin	荸薺	"	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	"	—	—	—
Okros		"	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	"	10	8	8
" Green	生蔥	"	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥頭	"	8	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	"	35	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	—	8	—
" American	金山薯仔	"	8	8	—
Pumpkin	金瓜	"	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	"	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃菜	"	30	—	10
Shallots	干蔥頭	"	8	—	8
Spinach	莧菜	"	6	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄	"	12	4	—
Taro	芋頭	"	6	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	"	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	毛瓜	"	—	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	"	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	8	15	—

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.'s office:—

Hve, from Peshawar.

A. L. Giles, passenger, s.s. Rajputana, from Manila.

Yickdo Lyen, care of Gilman, from Singapore.

Walter Rudolph, Cecil Hotel, from Manila.

Seagrass, from Manila.

C. C. CLARKE,
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Hong Kong, March 31, 1932.

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A little wooden box was passed gingerly from one United States Government bureau to another. Everyone feared there was a bomb inside.

The box was addressed to the Assistant Secretary of Commerce. The porter who opens the office packages looked at it with rolling eyes. He had read in the papers about packages containing infernal machines and he was taking no chances.

He took the container into a courtyard and began to poke at the package with a stick.

"It's a bomb!" somebody shouted, and that decided the porter. He waved with a trembling hand for one of the office guards.

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DEATH OF MR. CARLOS A. R. D'ASSUMPCAO.

Old Resident of the Colony.

SUDDEN HEART ATTACK.

The Portuguese community of Hong Kong learnt with considerable regret of the death, which took place last night, of Mr. Carlos Augusto Rocha d'Assumpcao, at his residence in Peace Avenue, Homuntin. The deceased was an old resident of Hong Kong, and was held in high esteem by members of his community, with whom he was extremely popular.

Although the late Mr. d'Assumpcao had been in indifferent health for some considerable time, his sudden demise came as a shock to his most intimate friends. It was while at dinner that he was seized with a sudden heart attack and within ten minutes he had passed away.

Son of the late Baron d'Assumpcao and the late Donna Guilhermina Rocha, he was born at Macao 69 years ago, and spent all his life until retirement in the service of the Portuguese Government; first as Chief Interpreter in the Department of the Chinese Secretariat, then as Head of the same Department, and as Chinese interpreter accompanying various political Missions which from time to time proceeded to Peking. He held the position of Secretary to the Portuguese Legation at Peking in 1902.

The deceased was married to Donna Merlinde de Senna Fernandes, who predeceased him many years ago.

His official career dates back to 1894, when he held the position of Vice-Consul for Portugal in Shanghai. He was a member of the Portuguese Commission at the Opium Conference held in 1908-1909, Consul for Portugal in Canton in the momentous years of 1910-1911, from whence he retired from the Government service and settled with his large family in Hong Kong. He lived at Kowloon ever since, until his death yesterday.

In recognition to his services he was decorated at the early age of 19 years with the Order of Isabela Catholica by the Spanish Government, with the Order of the Double Dragon by the Chinese Government, and was a Knight of the Order of Christ of Portugal, being also invested with the Order of St. Thiago by his own Government.

The members of the family of the late Mr. d'Assumpcao who are left to mourn his loss are Jose C. P. (son), solicitor practising at Macao, the Misses Ana, Guilhermina, Merlinde, Ines, Maria, Edith, Leonor, Amalia (daughters), Carlos A., Jr. (son), of Messrs. Botelho Bros., Bernardino (son), of the Great Northern Telegraph Co., and Mrs. Bernardino d'Assumpcao, and Mrs. Maria Emilia Ferreira (sister), of Macao, to whom the sympathy of the community will be extended in their bereavement.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

U.S. BANKS CONTROL SCHEME.

Meyer Formula in Preparation.

AVOID FAILURES.

New York, Yesterday.

A scheme to bring all America's twenty - two thousand banks under Federal control is being formulated by Mr. Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, as a result of the recent agreement arrived at between Mr. Meyer and Senator Glass, Chairman of the Senate Banking Committee.

Mr. Meyer recently expressed the opinion that many of the failures of small banks could have been avoidable if there had been a unified system of control. — Reuter's American Service.

ASSISTANCE FOR BRITISH AGRICULTURISTS.

Quota For Foreign Wheat Imports.

GUARANTEED PRICE.

London, Yesterday.

The essential part of Government's scheme to relieve the depressed agricultural industry was carried through to-night, when the House of Commons by 398 votes to 58 passed the third reading of the Wheat Bill establishing a quota for foreign wheat and guaranteeing a fixed price to British growers.—Reuter.

ALIMONY WIVES.

£700,000 Awarded To Them Last Year.

The record figure of nearly £1,000,000 was claimed for alimony and maintenance by wives who figured in divorce cases last year.

The cases for the year totalled nearly 4,000, the largest number for any post-war year.

"In quite five per cent. of these cases guilty wives who had been left stranded, claimed, and are getting, maintenance from the husband who divorced them," said a divorce official.

"In many cases fantastic claims for alimony were made, but these on examination by the court registrar were reduced to a reasonable proportion of the husband's income.

A total of more than £700,000 in alimony and maintenance is being paid by husbands who appeared in cases last year."

SHIPS' CARGO PILLAGERS.

International Gang at Work.

TWO WOMEN ARRESTED.

Antwerp, Yesterday.

Widespread pillaging of cargoes in ships bound for Australia, America and Japan, involving thousands of pounds sterling, has caused the Police here to issue a warning to world ports as they have reason to believe that an international gang is at work.

Eight persons have been arrested, two of whom are women, who are alleged, by the police, to have been discovered emptying cases and filling them up with ashes.—Reuter.

FAULTY CONDITION OF LORRY.

Cause of Injury to Four Persons.

DRIVER FINED.

The recent motor lorry accident in Shaukiwan Road, when a lorry, laden with fish, suddenly, and for some unexplained reason, turned to the left and then overturned, injuring four persons who had to be taken to hospital for treatment, had its sequel in the Central Police Court this morning before Mr. W. Schofield. The owner was summoned for having kept the lorry in a bad condition, and for having inefficient brakes on the vehicle.

Acting Sub-Inspector Saunders stated that the lorry was old, the front brakes were useless and the axle was out of alignment. It was almost certain that the accident was due to the faulty condition of the lorry. Fines totalling $35 were imposed.

The driver of the lorry, who, at the time of the accident, was unable to explain the sudden turn to the left, was fined $10.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Hohenzollern for Prussia Diet.

EX-CROWN PRINCE AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Berlin, Yesterday.

How the German ex-Crown Prince's candidature for the Presidential election was quashed by the ex-Kaiser is now revealed in a Monarchist newspaper 'Fredericus.'

It is stated that leaders of the National opposition partly approached the ex-Crown Prince about standing. He was willing, but referred the matter to the ex-Kaiser who refused sanction.

Prince August Wilhelm, the ex-Kaiser's fourth son, is numbered seven on the electoral list of the Nazis for the Prussian election on April 24. This is equivalent to becoming a Deputy of the Prussian Diet in which he will be the first Hohenzollern to sit.—Reuter.

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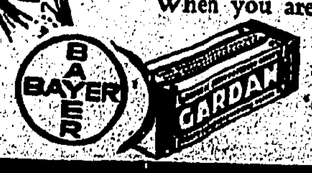

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